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Over the Desktop

It's quite a challenge to appeal to all of Theta's diverse membership. But there are some topics that are of concern to all Thetas—to all women. We address one of them in this issue: date rape.

The terrifying reality is that a woman has a one in three chance of being raped and is more likely to be raped by someone she knows than by a stranger. All of us, particularly our college members, must be aware that date rape can and does happen. We need to be informed and inform each other, to be supported and to support each other as well as other women.

Supporting each other in good times and bad is part of being a Theta. One of the most positive ways we can enjoy that support is by attending Grand Convention. The 1986 Convention theme—The Sky's the Limit—is the first indication of just how exciting the week is going to be. That winning theme comes to us via the 1986 Convention Theme Contest. Director of Public Relations Laurie McGregor tells us that the results of the contest were phenomenal. Be looking for details about those results in your Autumn *Magazine*.

Also in this issue—don't miss the alumnae report section, beginning on page 12. This year we received more and better reports and photographs than ever before. Thank you for the fine response and for sharing your success stories.

And, once again, we will be printing letters from you, Theta readers. They begin in this issue on page 7. We hope you enjoy them, and please, let us continue to hear from you!

Loyally, Jusan Holloway

Susan Holloway Editor

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Convention '86

The Sky's the Limit! That most positive of phrases was the most popular—and winning—entry in our 1986 Convention Theme Contest.*

In just a few words it says it all, and sets the pace perfectly for Kappa Alpha Theta's 1986 Grand Convention in Scottsdale.

Convention '86 will be a week of sharing valuable experiences and gathering creative, new ideas. Of goal setting, and of rewarding those who have excelled at their goals.

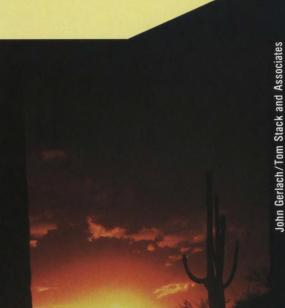
It will be a time to treasure our traditions and to reach for the stars of the future. To reminisce and renew.

Perhaps best of all, it will be five days of fun and forever friendships. What else? Actually, the sky's the limit!

To register for Convention '86, see the form on page 32 of this issue.

*Details of Convention Theme Contest results will appear in the Autumn issue of the *Magazine*.





1986 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, June 21

- Flagship Dinner
- Niké Ceremony

Sunday, June 22

- Kite Fly
- Processional and Opening Session
- Canadian Luncheon
- Thetas of the '90s
- Academic Excellence Dinner (Foundation scholarships awarded)

Monday, June 23

- Breakfast of Champions
- Membership Recruitment Programming
- Presentation of the History
- Academy Awards Theta Style Banquet

Tuesday, June 24

- Alumnae Fair
- Western Steak Fry and Fun Night

Wednesday, June 25

- Processional and Formal Banquet
- Initiation

Plus lots of exciting speakers and workshops each day!

Convention '86

TOURS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, June 24 9 a.m. to noon

We hope many of you will take the opportunity to see a little of what the Valley of The Sun has to offer. Tours will run on a firstcome, first-serve basis, so sign up early.

HEARD MUSEUM/ VALLEY TOUR

This tour includes the Heard Museum, highlighting 15,000 years of the proud history and cultural heritage of the Southwest. The arts. customs and lifestyle are all dramatically displayed. The gift shop offers the highest quality Indian crafts available anywhere. If you have seen the Heard before, you are in for a real treat. The Heard Museum has now completed its extensive expansion building program. You will view the Capitol building with its copper dome, and Heritage Square, which includes the Victorian-style Rossen House and Lathe House. You'll also see the Wrigley Mansion, Barry Goldwater's home, the McCune Mansion and many famous resorts along the way.

Bus, guide, admission and tour of the Heard: \$17 per person.

TALIESIN/ CAREFREE TOUR

Visit and tour Taliesin West, the architectural foundation and school created by the late Frank Lloyd



Local Convention committee members are preparing for a fun and informative week in Scottsdale. Back row, from left: Carol Williams Friedl; Dottie Sharp Wallace; Denny Keyes Alspach; Jeanie Davidson Collier. Front row, from left: Lindy Stearman Isacksen; Janice Adams Wessman; Carolyn Watson Menge.

Wright. This splendid complex, nestled in a natural desert setting, was designed by Mr. Wright so that a few chosen architecture students could study here. Then journey through the gorgeous Desert Foothills to the serene town of Carefree. Here the hustle and bustle of modern everyday life is almost unheard of. Many distinguished residents' homes are tucked into the nearby hills. It is an example of how nature's wonders and man's talents

Bus, guide, admission and tour of Taliesin West: \$17 per person.

can be combined.

TIME OUT FOR SHOPPING

(10 a.m. to noon)

Hop aboard for a shopping or browsing experience at the Borgata. Enclosed in the walled replica of an Italian village are many of the nation's most exclusive shops—often compared to Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. Take time for a fresh croissant or a world-famous Kron chocolate!

Round-trip transportation and hostess: \$6 per person.

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ping a 15 passenger minimum. Reservations must be in by noon Monday, June 23. If minimums are not filled the events will be cancelled. REFUNDS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Organizers, Inc.
MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO: The Organizers,
Inc., P.O. Box 37494, Phoenix, AZ 85069

Message From The PRESIDENT

"I never thought it would be so much fun!" "The hotel was fantastic!" "The food was great!" "There were all these old ladies (anyone over 30!), who were really sharp and still interested in Theta!" "I got so many good ideas." "I made some really good friends; we're going to get together later this year." "It was great to learn that Council members are normal people." "It was good to know that we weren't the only ones having a hard time keeping working women involved in Theta." "I really got some great ideas!"

In case you haven't guessed by now, these are comments from past Convention evaluations. You can be the judge of the 1986 Convention. All you have to do is come to the Valley of the Sun and join the Thetas at the Registry Resort in Phoenix, June 21 to 26. You can play tennis or golf, work out at the health club, go horseback riding, shop in the unique boutiques in Old Scottsdale or the Borgata, visit the unusual and exciting museums in the area, or just sit and talk.

Do you remember how much fun it was to stay up all night talking with your sisters? Do you remember how no one ever understood your problems as well as your Theta sisters? Do you remember how many great ideas you generated when all of you put your heads together? Well, come to the Registry in June and rediscover it all.

Convention means legislation, election of officers, seminars, workshops, speakers, inspiration, fun and Theta love. It means a renewal



Grand President Sue F. Supple

of Theta spirit. It means you should come see for yourself what being a Theta means. I'll look forward to seeing you there!

Loyally,

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Sue F. Supple Grand President

KAO LETTERS

Keeping our identity

Dear Editor:

Upon receiving my rush issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* I quickly turned to recommendation board chairmen listed for Texas to see if anyone I knew was involved with rush this year.

Much to my chagrin I was met with unfamiliar names of husbands—hardly a way to recognize Theta friends from college.

As a women's fraternity it would appear to me that member names should be listed as:

Cynthia Gulley Wiedmann *NOT* Mrs. Harden Hull Wiedemann.

It is my recommendation that *all* names listed for any reason be member names—not names of their current spouse.

We lose our identity as we lose our recognizable college names. Please help to make those lists a bit more familiar and possibly I might find out who some of those people are.

Thank you, Cynthia Gulley Wiedemann

Editors note: We agree and we're working on it. Husband's names are included so names can be located in telephone directories.

Messages of congratulations

Dear Susan,

I just have to tell you how much I enjoyed the Winter *Magazine*. The cover is terrific!! And its emphasis on Theta is what we've needed forever. Thanks for the good reading.

Theta love and Happy New Year, Joyce Anne Vitelli CDP V Dear Susan.

I haven't written a fan letter for years, but I couldn't resist commenting on the "new look" of the Theta *Magazine*. It's wonderful! Not only the color photos, but the new graphics—great! I'm sure it's more expensive, but it's worth it to give the Fraternity a positive, heads-up image. Congratulations!

I only recently re-entered alumnae activities after a long (ten-year) absence. This makes me glad I did!

Loyally in Theta, Karen Ulrich Jones Gamma Mu/University of Maryland

Thetas are Moms, too

Dear Susan,

I was pleased to see that you are seeking reader input about the *Magazine*.

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DATE

As Lisa left her chemistry class Friday afternoon, her lab partner, Jim, invited her to a party he and his roommates were having at their apartment that night. Jim was a nice guy and Lisa had always thought he was good looking. She decided to go and asked Jean, her roommate, to go along.

It was a good party. Both girls were enjoying themselves, but after a few hours Jean was ready to leave. Lisa wanted to stay a little longer, so she told Jean to go back without her. She'd be back soon.

There were just a few people left at the party late that night when Lisa asked Jim to drive her home. He agreed, but said he'd misplaced his keys earlier that day. He said he thought they were somewhere in his room and asked Lisa to help him look for them.

Once inside the bedroom, Jim closed the door and kissed Lisa. When Lisa told him she wanted to leave, Jim became angry. As she tried to pull away from him, he pushed her onto the bed and raped her.

Lisa was in a daze. She couldn't believe what had happened. She grabbed her coat and left the apartment, not saying anything to the guy and girl in the kitchen. Then she ran the short distance back to her room, where Jean was asleep. Lisa quickly removed her torn clothing and went to the bathroom where she vomited. She stood in the shower for almost an hour before she returned to her room and got into bed.

Lisa wanted to tell Jean what had happened, but she couldn't. She wouldn't understand. How could she? Lisa didn't even understand it herself. Jim had seemed like such a nice guy. Maybe she'd done something to encourage him. Maybe she should have gone back with Jean. She shouldn't have had so much to drink. She felt empty and confused.

Lisa dreaded going to chemistry Monday, but there was a test. After class, she summoned her courage and confronted Jim. Lisa was in tears. Jim acted as if nothing had happened.

But something had happened. A crime had been committed. Lisa had been raped.

Rape. The word conjures up chilling images of masked intruders or leering strangers, of dimly-lit streets and isolated walkways. Unfortunately, rapes are committed under those frightening circumstances. But what is equally terrifying, and much less known, is that rape is also committed in well-lit apartments, on weekend outings, by men who may be friends, neighbors, co-workers and dates.

It's called date rape.

Date rape, or acquaintance rape,* is defined as forced sexual intercourse by an assailant known to the victim. And the grim reality

*Date rape is actually a type of acquaintance rape. The terms are frequently used interchangeably and will be used as such in this article. is that a woman is more likely to be raped by someone she knows than by a stranger.

Of all rapes reported (it is estimated that more than 50 percent are not reported) more than half involved victims who knew their attackers. A 1984 study published by the Harrisburg Rape Crisis Service in Harrisburg, Penn. sites an even higher figure, revealing that 66 percent of reported rapes were committed by assailants known to their victims. Thirty-seven percent were classified as acquaintance rape and 12 percent as date rape. More recent studies indicate that those figures may be low estimates.

Alarming as the statistics are, many people are not aware of the date rape phenomenon, and many women are not familiar with the dangers. This lack of communication about date rape only increases women's vulnerability.

"A woman has a one in three chance of being sexually assaulted," says Coral Cole, a psychotherapist at the Julian Center, an Indianapolis counseling center for women, which places special emphasis on victims of rape, incest and battery. "And because women are naturally more inclined to trust an acquaintance, they are even more vulnerable to date rape."

The fact that the assailant has the trust of the victim in date rape circumstances is the most obvious difference between date rape and stranger rape. There are others.

Women of all ages can fall victim

to rape, but acquaintance rape targets women of dating age, generally between the ages of 15 and 25. This makes college-age women particularly at risk.

The Ms. Magazine Campus Project on Sexual Assault, an extensive study on patterns of sexual aggression on college campuses, directed by Kent State psychologist Mary Koss, revealed that one quarter of women in college today have been victims of rape or attempted rape. Almost 90 percent of them knew their assailants.

Dr. Barry Burkhart, a professor of psychology at Auburn University who has also done extensive research on acquaintance rape, has found that college freshmen are most vulnerable to date rape, followed by seniors in high school and women between high school and college.

Another difference between date rape and stranger rape: although all rapes are acts of aggression, not sexual expression, acquaintance rapists are less likely than stranger rapists to use lethal weapons. Date rapists tend to rely on verbal threats and physical strength to intimidate and overpower their victims.

Whatever the differences, the effects of date rape are no less traumatic than those of stranger rape. In fact, victims of acquaintance rape often experience emotional problems exaggerated by the fact that they know the men who raped them. A victim may have to face her assailant again. In a college situation, she may even have to see her attacker the next day on campus.

"Date rape is complicated by the sexual overtones of dating," says Cole. "The rape is an act of aggression, but the woman feels that something sexual has happened to her. It is very confusing."

So confusing, in fact, that victims of date rape often try to deny the rape, and many may not even identify what has happened to them as rape. The Ms. magazine study revealed that of those female students who said they had had sexual intercourse against their wills through the use of threat or force, only 57 percent identified their experiences as rapes.

Men who commit date rape also tend to deny the rape, but for different reasons. "Most men who commit date rape just believe that it is OK to force sex," explains Cole. "It is difficult for a male to describe what he has done as rape."

Date rapists are difficult to distinguish from the majority of men who would never commit rape. Research indicates that the willingness to commit rape is not linked to status, age, income or education.

Rapes are acts of aggression, not sexual expression.

These men appear to be normal. But according to Dr. Koss, director of the Ms. magazine study, acquaintance rapists have oversubscribed to traditional roles. They tend to lack empathy, social conscience and maturity. Men who force sex also frequently view women as adversaries. Says Cole, "They believe that saying 'no' is merely an enticement."

In truth, there is little in a woman's style or conduct that can predict her vulnerability to date rape. This point was made in November, 1985, at The National Acquaintance Rape and Rape Prevention on Campus Conference held in Louisville, Ky. But the Conference summary did note that less assertive women tend to be more frequently victimized. And the social rapist generally looks for a woman he perceives as vulnerable: usually inexperienced and unassertive.

Sometimes date rape is premeditated, with the rapist purposely setting up the victim and the situation to his advantage. Date rapes are usually not isolated incidents. Many men who commit date rape have done so before and will continue, even though they do not rape everyone they go out with. They may even have a relationship in which consenting sex occurs. Although date rape may occur in a relationship where there has already been some sexual expression, usually it is committed by someone the victim does not know well.

According to research done by Dr. Barry Burkhart, most rapes occur on second or third dates when a woman's social defenses are lower. (The majority of more violent date rapes generally take place on first dates or blind dates.) And Dr. Koss' Ms. study indicates that most date rapes are committed on the man's turf, with 80 percent occurring in off-campus situations.

According to the National Rape Conference, acquaintance rapes tend to follow a pattern. First there is an intrusion into the woman's space. The rapist may place his hand on the woman's shoulder or thigh, while other people are around, as a means of testing her response in a situation the victim considers safe. This action results in desensitization of the victim, the second step. Finally the assailant isolates the victim and the rape is committed.

According to Coral Cole, the normal response to any rape is a series of emotions beginning with guilt and disorientation, then shock and depression, which can last from a few weeks to years. "Any rape victim must seek counseling immediately in order to work through her guilt, anger and sense of loss of control. It is essential that she realize that she is not responsible, that

the rapist is," says Cole.

"Women who are victims of date rape tend to feel even more guilty and more responsible than other rape victims," says Cole. "They believe it may have been their fault. These feelings make the date rape victim's recovery even more difficult and it is further complicated if she doesn't tell anyone."

A woman is more likely to be raped by someone she knows than by a stranger.

Unfortunately, few victims of acquaintance rape do tell anyone. The Ms. magazine campus study indicated that more than one-third of the women who had been raped did not discuss their experiences with anyone. More than 90 percent did not report them to the police. Indeed, date rape is second only to

marital rape as the least reported of all crimes.

From peers to academic institutions to police, there has been little support and understanding for victims of acquaintance rape. According to the National Rape Conference, many people have difficulty relating to the circumstances of date rape.

Our culture tends to create an environment that supports rape by encouraging stereotypical aggressive behavior in men and passive behavior in women. Cole says, "Unfortunately it is an accepted fact that rape can be committed and gotten away with." Many people also subscribe to rape myths that promote the mistaken notions that women ask for rape or deserve to be raped. Such myths only serve to disinhibit rapists and discredit rape victims.

Experts seem to agree that one of the biggest obstacles in eliminating date rape is lack of good communication. That is where most preventative work is focusing. Date rape has received a great deal of media coverage lately, and growing numbers of college and universities are providing support systems ranging from workshops and classes to date rape hotlines and peer counseling.

But individual men and women must also learn to communicate their feelings more effectively. Women must learn to say "no" and

A woman has a one in three chance of being sexually assaulted.

men must learn to respect and accept that response.

Meanwhile, it is important for men and women to be aware, says Cole, "Rape is rape. There is always violence and trauma. It is a crime no matter what."

To help prevent date rape:

1. Get to know your date.

Cole recommends that women spend some time getting to know men before they are alone with them. She says, "Meet in public a few times while you get to know him. Ask him questions about his attitudes toward women and his views on sexuality. And be observant. Does he drink heavily?"

Cole also advises women not to go out with anyone who is aggressive or who denegrates women.

2. Keep a clear head.

Experts suggest you avoid excessive drinking and drug use.

3. Be assertive.

"It's important to remember that no one has a right to touch you if it makes you feel uncomfortable," says Cole.

4. Communicate.

Says Cole, "Women should talk about date rape among themselves and among male friends in order to be informed and to build a support group."

If you are in a date rape situation:

1. Try not to panic.

Cole recommends trying to talk rationally in order to buy some time to find a way out.

2. Scream.

Yell for help. "Sadly," says Cole, "more people may respond if you yell 'fire' than if you yell 'rape."

3. Fight back.

The National Rape Conference determined that women who fight back initially with some skill (self-defense techniques) have a much better chance of avoiding rape than those who plead or try to talk their way out of the situation. Decisive action early in an encounter may help avert the rape. However, if there is a lethal weapon involved, fighting back may place you in greater danger.

If you are raped:

1. Do not bathe or throw away your clothing.

Says Cole, "Your body is the evidence of rape whether or not you choose to prosecute."

2. Seek support and emotional help immediately.

Contact a rape crisis center right away. If that service is not available, contact a counseling service or call a crisis line and someone will refer you to a counseling service.

National Center for Prevention and Control of Rape: 301/443-1910

OFFICER GLOSSARY

ADP = Alumnae District President CDP = College District President

SO = Special Officer

OFFICERS

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Texas

College chapter: Alpha Theta/University of Texas Alumnae chapter/club: San Antonio Alumnae offices: San Antonio Chapter president, vice-president, chaplain Career/activities: owner/manager, Carter Properties real estate; Junior League; Harry Jersig board; Big Brothers/Big Sisters program Interests: family, smocking, bible study.



KATHRYN GARRISON CLARK • CDP/District XVII • Benson, N.C.

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PATRICIA BOYNTON FREY • SO/Convention Manager • Glenview,

College chapter: Alpha/DePauw University Alumnae chapter/club: Chicago-North Shore Alumnae offices: Chicago-North Shore Chapter president; State Chairmen and permanent alumnae Secretaries supervisor Career/activities: Junior League; church woman's association Interests: reading, skiing, biking.



CAROL STENBERG McPADDEN • CDP/District IX • Los Altos Hills Calif

College chapter: Lambda/University of Vermont Alumnae chapter/club: Palo Alto Alumnae offices: Palo Alto Chapter president, secretary, rush recommendation board chairman; Phi deuteron local installation chairman, advisory board chairman Career/activities: registered nurse, neurosurgery; Peninsula Volunteers (center for senior citizens); PTA; school board Interests: family (Theta daughter, Tau), gardening, swimming.



LYN STEWART SIMENSEN • ADP/District VI • Worcester,

Penn.

College chapter: Gamma Gamma/Rollins College Alumnae chapter/club: Philadelphia Alumnae offices: Philadelphia Chapter president, first vice-president, fund-raiser chairman, area group chairman Career/activities: mother and volunteer "domestic engineer;" Eagleville Home and School president; assembly committee chairman, cultural arts committee; Norristown Garden Club; Town and Country Antiquist; church school teacher Interests: family, skiing, cooking, gardening.



WENDY TAYLOR WORTH • ADP/District V • Menlo Park,

Calif.

College chapter: Omicron/University of Southern California Alumnae chapter/club: Palo Alto Alumnae offices: Pasadena Chapter assistant food chairman Career/activities: Junior League Interests: family, reading, art, needlework, ceramics.





New York City Thetas invite alumnae to attend the Belmont Stakes to benefit Theta.

New York

Fund raising has never been an easy task for the New York Alumnae Chapter. More than 90 percent of our members are career women, many other major organizations compete for people's time and charitable contributions, and Greek organizations do not have the visibility and popularity among New Yorkers that they enjoy elsewhere. Consequently, developing appealing events that will attract members and non-members alike has met with mixed success.

However, about five years ago we developed a fund-raising event, which was the beginning of an ongoing philanthropic success story. Billed as A Day at the Races, Theta's Spring Belmont Stakes benefit has become a tradition for a growing number of people each year. (The Belmont Stakes is the third and final leg of the prestigious Triple Crown of horse racing, which also includes the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness. The race is traditionally held the second Saturday in June.)

Four years ago, we reserved 124

Signs of SUCCESS

seats and fewer than 100 seats were sold. But this past June's block of 160 seats in the park's Clubhouse section sold out quickly, and we even developed a waiting list. Nearly \$700 was raised—the fourth year in a row that revenues increased.

The event is a success on more than just the financial front. Thetas and their guests gathered for preand post-Belmont parties to ex-tend the day's festivities. Many members brought elaborate picnics to enjoy while watching the races that led up to the Stakes race. A few even tried their luck betting on their favorite mount.

In addition to marking up the price of each ticket, Philanthropy Chair Cheryl Fraser, Beta Xi-UCLA, organized a raffle for a wicker basket full of cheeses, snacks and wine. Long-time chapter member Adeline McDonald, Upsilon-University of Minnesota, held the winning ticket.

As the Chapter's board of direc-

tors plans events for 1986, the fifth annual Day at the Races is already on the calendar. Of course we're exploring ways to make the event raise even more funds for our philanthropies, but as a morale booster that brings out the best in teamwork and comraderie, there's no question that it's a sure bet!

Chris Boeke

Rockford

Our Success With Soup project has been described before in our chapter's report to the *Magazine*, but it bears repeating. When it began, more than ten years ago, it was unique in Rockford—the only soup-tasting kitchen among the city's benefit projects. And today, even though others have tried to duplicate it, it is still the most successful.

How successful? We have had to limit tickets to 200 so our friends may have the variety of soups we

Rockford alumnae Soup Kitchen hostesses welcome guests with mugs and spoons for souptasting. The chapter makes from 40 to 50 kinds of soup.



Success. Does it mean raising money, helping the community or bringing members closer together?

Theta alumnae chapters say that it means all this, plus lots of fun!



Poinsettias are a source of holiday joy and fund raising for Champaign-Urbana alumnae.

think they deserve and the space to enjoy them. Linda Shafer's home, where the kitchen has been held for a number of years, has spacious rooms and a riverfront patio for a balmy day. But if it rains, as it did last October, the scene takes on a cozy look and elbow room becomes scarce.

The soup tasters, both male and female, are welcomed with a glass of wine, then allowed to sample 40 to 50 varieties of home-made soup, French bread, and chocolate mints as a dessert. Extra, sale merchandise at our soup kitchen has ranged from soup recipe packets to color-

ful scare crows, from aprons to dried flower arrangements.

Profits of \$800 to \$1,000 for our one-day lunchtime project all go toward philanthropy: a donation to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation and a district college chapter, plus three or four local charities. We feel that we are also the beneficiaries, since working together results in a close-knit sisterhood, and we gain the satisfaction of helping others. If any Theta groups would like more details about our soup kitchen, they are welcome to write. We'll be happy to share our experiences.

Mary Frances Holliway

Champaign-Urbana

The pansy is the Theta flower, but in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, the Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae are much more likely to be associated with the poinsettia. For the past 13 years, the Theta alumnae have sold red, pink and white poinsettias to local businesses and households for fun and profit!

The fun comes from the friendship and the fellowship enjoyed the first weekend in December each year, as members congregate in a heated garage to sort about 240 boxes containing around 1400 plants. During November, each alumna sells as many plants as possible to friends and business acquaintances. Then, on delivery weekend, she comes to the designated garage to pick up the plants she has sold for distribution. More members see each other for visits these two days, perhaps, than at any other time during the year. New members especially seem to benefit from being on the committee, since in two days they will meet almost the entire alumnae chapter.

The profit margin of the sale has been a big reason for its longevity. (It replaced the then annual tasting luncheon, a labor-intensive fund raiser which netted about \$200 profit.) The average profit from the poinsettia sale over the last three vears has been \$3000. The Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas, and the Speech and Hearing Clinic at the University of Illinois have been the major recipients of the sale's funds over the years—a combination that seems to keep the community support high. More recently, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation has become a major recipient in the distribution of sale profits.

As the number of deliveries of

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plants to businesses increased, additional help was needed. So each year a local youth group was invited to provide that service, thus earning for itself \$1 per plant. One year the collegians of Delta Chapter delivered the plants and experienced a friendly interchange between the college chapter and the town alumnae.

J. R. Poinsett, an American minister to Mexico in 1828, discovered the brilliant, leaved plant there, on the night on which the Savior's birth is commemorated. He brought it back as a rare and exotic treat for those in the United States. It may no longer be rare, but it is still just as much a treat. The Champaign-Urbana alumnae enjoy helping spread this bit of joy during the holiday season.

Sue D. Achtemeier

Spokane

The Founders' Day Luncheon of 1985 was a special day for all Spokane alumnae, but it was most meaningful to our first 75-year Theta, Bess McNair. President Ann Kennaly, Beta Theta, surprised her with the announcement of the establishment of the Bess Ferguson McNair Educational Trust Fund, which will be given to a District XV undergraduate or graduate Theta.

Mrs. McNair was initiated into Alpha Chapter in 1910 and later affiliated at then Phi Chapter at Stanford University, where she graduated in 1914. A scholarship in her name is particularly appropriate, as Mrs. McNair, 93, partially attributes her long and happy life to

Bess Ferguson McNair, above right, was honored at Spokane's 1985 Founders' Day Luncheon. Right, Louisville alumnae successfully raised money for philanthropies by selling Christmas wrapping paper. an educated and active mind.

About 60 alumnae from more than 20 chapters gathered for our Founders' Day celebration at the gracious home of Edna Mae Endslow Brown, Alpha Sigma. She is a former alumnae district president, chapter president and a 50-year Theta. We celebrated the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta, honored Bess McNair and congratulated ourselves on the establishment of the Educational Trust Fund.

The money for the Fund resulted from our highly successful Holiday Greens Sale. During that annual event, nearly 1,000 fresh wreaths or kite-shaped door charms were sold. Orders were taken in November for local delivery in December. These pine-scented bits of the Northwest were also mailed throughout the United States. In addition to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation and our Educational Trust Fund, we have donated money from the Sale to the Spokane Juvenile Diabe-





tes Foundation and the local Ronald McDonald House.

Dannye Crawford Hanrahan

Louisville

Once again the Louisville Alumnae Chapter has had a very successful year raising money for the Institute of Logopedics and the Louisville School for Autistic Children. We attribute this success to the hard work and dedication of the chapter members.

For the past three years, the chapter has sold Christmas wrapping paper during the months of September and October. This project provides an opportunity for all members to become actively involved with the Fraternity philanthropy and with their Theta sisters. The Christmas Paper Caper, as it is known locally, began in September with a committee meeting, at which we cut paper samples. Then at our annual pot luck supper, these paper samples were distributed with order forms to the chapter members.

After three weeks of hard selling, the orders were sent to Ann Nelson, our project chairman, for processing. The sold paper was distributed to the members for delivery at our annual, creative Christmas party. (At this meeting we kick off the Christmas season with holiday craft demonstrations. We would like to thank Patsy Baker for her hospitality and great holiday floral ideas.)

We feel we had a particularly eventful holiday season and we are very proud of our \$500 proceeds. It is really nice to contribute to worthy causes and have so much fun while doing so.

Mary Zirnheld

Indianapolis

Each year for the past 15, the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter has celebrated Christmas in a very special way. Assuming the roles of Mrs. Claus, elves, dolls, toys,—even Old St. Nick himself at times—these enthusiastic Thetas have offered thousands of Indianapolis—area children a unique visit to Santa's House.



Santa's House, an annual project of Indianapolis alumnae, has delighted Indianapolis-area children for 15 years. Profits are used to benefit Theta.

In 1970 the first wide-eyed visitors opened the doors of a refurbished house in an Indianapolis suburb. The project kept this home for several years before moving on to new locations, including a barn, a modern shopping mall, a downtown department store and even the famous Indianapolis Children's Museum. In 1985 the ever-flexible volunteers joined the Indianapolis Zoo to present Santa's House as part of their Christmas At The Zoo project. By collaborating with the Zoo Guild, the Thetas hoped to set attendance and profit records.

Wherever Santa's House appears, some traditions can always be found. Besides a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in her kitchen, take-home craft projects are made and Christmas momentos are given to each visitor. When special friends from the Indianapolis School for the Deaf visit, our Santa speaks to the children in sign language.

Santa's House profits have been as high as \$25,000. These funds are shared with Kappa Alpha Theta nationally, and locally at the Butler University Gamma Chapter. Local, non-profit organizations also benefit from the profits. And just as the last check is being written, plans for

the next year's Santa's House are being made.

Suzie Hazelett

Houston-Northwest

The Houston-Northwest Alumnae Chapter's opening fall meeting was the Bring a New Theta Coffee. It was a great success, as we gained four new members for our group. In the spring, we're planning a salad supper with college members and their mothers, to keep us all in touch.

Our big money makers are a poinsettia sale and a style show at Lord and Taylor. These two projects have been so well received that we're planning to do them again. Each year we try to contribute more to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, Girl's Country, Emergency Medical Service and Assistance Ministry. We have fun and help others.

Fran Kuhn

Washington, D.C.

Now an annual event, the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Chapter's Christmas party offers the opportunity for Thetas and their guests to enjoy a wonderful evening of fun, food and fellowship. The climax of

this event is an auction for the benefit of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation and a local charity. The latest Christmas party was one of the most successful, and the highlight of our Theta year.

In the fall, our Theta alumnae were reminded at meetings and in the newsletters to keep watch for special items to bring to the Christmas auction. Part of the fun is seeing the unusual donations selected by our members. And how exciting it is to go home with some treasure as a memento of the evening!

Members with talent often donate services, such as an hour's consultation with our landscape architect Lynne Meyer. Former Alumnae District President Carol Brewer and her husband graciously lent their charming beach cottage for a weekend. Past President Peggy Stock's husband, Ed, has provided some beautiful stamp albums to the delight of our philatelists. Mary Lowe Mayhew found time on her honeymoon in China to select some souvenirs for the Theta auction! And this report is being written on a typewriter that was reconditioned through the generosity of our Alumnae District President, Gloria Williams, and her husband.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of our expert auctioneers, Theta husbands Fred Tripp and Laird Anderson, we raised a record amount of \$2,700. Imagine the excitement at the end of this lovely party when we heard that grand total!

The ingredients of this successful event are the anticipation of an exciting evening that will benefit our Foundation and a Washington area charity, fellowship with some of the grandest people on earth and the fun of going home with a pansy treasure. Everyone has the opportunity to participate, as members are encouraged to make a donation even though they may not be able to attend the party. The party is usually held in a member's home, although we have used a club house and the Gamma Mu (Maryland) Chapter House.

We highly recommend this fun fund-raiser!

Florence Helen Ashby



Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, former president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, right, was one of many interesting people met by Lois Finders Pinch while working for the 1984 Olympics.

San Fernando Valley

Two successful meetings of the San Fernando Valley Alumnae Chapter had a common theme: learning from our own Thetas about a very special experience. Both Lois "Rusty" Finders Pinch, Beta Omicron, University of Iowa, 1950; and Jo Ann Misselhorn Usher, Alpha, DePauw, 1961, were closely involved with the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

We heard from Lois prior to the Olympics. Having started as a volunteer, she became a part of the paid staff of the protocol department. During the two years before the Olympics, she escorted foreign dignitaries to the sites of the various venues all over southern California. She coordinated schedules so they would be at the right place at the right time.

People representing more than 40

different countries, as well as the officers of many different sports federations, came in preparation for the Olympics. Lois spent ten days with representatives of the Soviet Union, with interpreters of course. The most famous person she escorted was Prince Philip, the president of the Equestrian Federation.

Calligraphy became more than just a hobby to Lois as the Olympics came closer. She began making place cards, invitations to the Games and press conference cards. The demands of this position grew so much that she selected other people, whose calligraphy was similar to hers, to help. Because she was on call so much, she lived in the Biltmore Hotel for two weeks during the Olympics. She was invited to be one of 110 people in the President's Box during the opening and closing ceremonies.

Jo Usher, whose husband Harry was the vice-president of the Olympic Organizing Committee, told us about the best parts of her five-year experience: the people, the travel, the Olympic Arts Festival and the actual games and events. As the mother of four children, all of whom were at home, she decided that her role would need to be a supportive one, while she managed the family and home. She met some royalty, including Prince Philip, Princess Anne, and the King and Oueen of Sweden, as well as many people from the participating countries. With her husband, she traveled to France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Japan, Indian and China. The Olympic Arts Festival was an unparalleled experience with hundreds of performances of which she was able to attend 20.

Jo reported that the opportunity to attend the opening and closing ceremonies as well as every event except one, and thus actually feeling the enthusiasm and spirit of the Games, was wonderful.

The 1984 Olympics was a special experience for all the participants. Hearing about the personal experiences of Rusty and Jo made our chapter resolve to look to our own members for other unique and in-

teresting programs.

Carol Kleppinger Hiestand

Denver

Vibrant, red poinsettias are fast becoming the favorite flower of the Denver Alumnae Chapter (aside from the Theta pansy, of course). The reason is our highly successful Holiday Poinsettia Sale, which has been held for the past ten years.

In 1974 the first sale to benefit various local charities was a replacement for a previous fundraiser, which may have been more unique, but had become progressively more complicated and expensive to stage and had diminishing profits.

The beauty of the Poinsettia Sale lies in its simplicity. It all begins each fall when 2,000 plants are ordered from a local florist, each in a plastic-lined, straw basket. The plants are gorgeous and in full bloom. Meanwhile the committee begins mailing their advertising and order blanks to 1,300 Denver-area Thetas. A special business committee mails to 300 local businesses, which can have the plants delivered to them in a group (or even to their individual customers for a small additional charge).

About December 1, the florist delivers the plants to nine area chairmen around the city who already know the number needed by their area Thetas. They, in turn, have called in their orders for friends and businesses. The ordering Theta then picks up her plants and personally delivers them, or has the transportation committee handle it. (The committee of children of Thetas who can earn extra Christmas money be delivering plants.) She then collects the money to return to area chairmen. Profits are calculated, and another successful sale is over, with a gorgeous, crimson poinsettia left to enjoy for Christmas and many months to

Theta benefits are two-fold: the sale raises thousands of dollars to aid at least six different charities chosen by our board, including Theta scholarships and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation; and it

gives each Theta a chance to participate to the degree she chooses (from the top job of general chairman, through the selling, publicity and delivery, down to the individual Theta who simply buys a plant for herself). All in all, it makes for a merry little Theta Christmas for all concerned!

Marty Milne

Palo Alto

Planning a yearly program to meet the diverse interests of our Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter is not an easy task, but over the years we have discovered a type of meeting that is always well received. Perhaps our best attended program is a Christmas crafts meeting held annually on a November evening.

Our group enjoys the opportunity to create something for the coming season. Because of careful advance planning, each Theta, regardless of initial artistic ability, is guaranteed success in producing a cleverly designed gift. Last year we made attractive Christmas wreaths. This year we produced Advent calendars composed of three-dimensional fabric trees.

We have been most fortunate in having current Chapter President Ursula Regenos do the extensive preparations for these meetings. She has not only designed the unique gifts, but shopped well in advance of the meeting for the components. Each member simply reserves her kit of materials prior to the meeting.

Conversation is spirited in this setting, and affords opportunities for renewing old friendships, making new ones and welcoming new-comers to the group. Although it is not as directly beneficial to others as our highly successful annual tennis and bridge benefit, a social meeting of this type helps build the teamwork necessary to produce such a benefit. It is a great way to get into the spirit of the holiday season with Theta sisters.

Francie Green

Cleveland

On a Saturday in November, 1985, the Cleveland Alumnae Chap-

ter and the West Shore Club presented Joyful Expressions, a style show and luncheon, for the benefit of The Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center. Fashions were modeled by alumnae, and raffle gifts were donated by local shops and Thetas.

The Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, affliliated with Case Western Reserve University and located in the heart of Cleveland's University Circle, provides a wide range of specialized services for people of all ages with communication disorders. A staff of more than 50 speech pathologists, audiologists, counselors, interpreters and support personnel provides services that include speech pathology, audiology, vocational services, community service programs, outside center services and on-site screening and evaluations.

Thetas have donated toys for the children's holiday parties, assisted

munication and motor skills are impaired, the Resource Center will offer fellowship, recreation and an opportunity for improving communication skills. Staffed by volunteers, the program will be available two afternoons a week.

The clubroom will be housed in the bright and spacious fourth floor library, giving the clients more opportunities for companionship and independence. Long-range plans for the Resource Center include the development of an informal library and a referral system to give the community assistance with all types of communication disorders.

The results of the work by the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter and the West Shore Club were acknowledged at the last Convention. The chapter received one of 12 awards given for outstanding community involvement: The Community Involvement Project Award.

Nancy Micali



Denver alumnae, from left, Alice Swanson, Jane Stout, Linda Houston and Lydia Troxler, deliver poinsettias for their annual sale.

in the purchase of a child's hearing aid and, to date, the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter and the West Shore Club have given \$5,000 and countless hours of volunteer time. All this effort has helped to launch the Kappa Alpha Theta Community Resource Center. The initial phase of the Resource Center will be the establishment of a clubroom for aphasics (stroke victims). Geared to the needs of those whose com-

Portland

The Portland Alumnae Chapter has launched a new program for fellow Thetas called KAT FOOD. No, it is not cat food you might buy at the store! It is Kappa Alpha Theta casseroles for Thetas who are experiencing hardships, illnesses, or injuries in their lives.

Thetas got their first chance to sign up to help others during the Founders' Day Luncheon of 1985.

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Cards were left near each plate to be completed by those who could participate. And it's been a solid success ever since! Two coordinators handle both requests to receive KAT FOOD and lists of volunteers to deliver casseroles. Donated casseroles are delivered to deserving Thetas in the metropolitan area.

Apart from other fund raising projects, KAT FOOD is our way of showing Theta love and concern for each other.

Phyllis Lohse

San Antonio

Handpainted baskets, the Harry Jersig Center and beautiful tulips. What do all these things have in common? The San Antonio Alumnae Chapter, of course!

An annual Spring Bulb and Craft Sale is held by our chapter to raise funds for our local philanthropy, the Harry Jersig Center at our Lady of the Lake University. The Center is dedicated to the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of language, speech, hearing and learning disorders. Clients of the Center receive help, while therapists work toward the completion of their degree programs in speech and language pathology. The funds raised also help to support our national philanthropy, the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kan.

The one-day extravaganza provides Theta alumnae and other

Below, San Antonio Thetas, from left, Laura Partain, Martha Suess and Carol Schultz take part in their chapter's Spring Bulb and Craft Sale. Financial success is achieved by the Chicago-North Shore alumnae through the sale of wrapping paper. Members, pictured bottom from left, Susan Sittnick, Kathy Schwaba and Nina Hillebrand, demonstrate paper rolling.





community members an opportunity to purchase potted plants, handpainted baskets and various other handicrafts. They may also order beautiful bulbs that arrive in time for fall planting. Guests of the sale are treated to a light lunch and a relaxed atmosphere in which to browse and buy at their leisure. Twenty-five percent of the chapter's members participate behind the scenes by making crafts, preparing and serving the delicious lunch, taking orders and selling the various items.

The \$3,000 raised was divided between our local philanthropy and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, and used for educational purposes. Proceeds of \$2,000 were presented to the director of the Harry Jersig Center, Ms. Jane Davidson. This year's donation was used to print more than 2,000 brochures to be distributed to physicians, schools, potential clients and others. The brochures explain the Center and the services it offers. In years past, the chapter's contributions have been used to purchase an audiometer, overhead projector, portable videotape recorder and a sound level meter. An endowment fund set up by the chapter in 1971 has been growing and this year's donation will bring the fund to more than \$5,000.

Since 1966 our alumnae chapter in San Antonio has been working with the Harry Jersig Center. Theta womanpower and caring are working together to help the less fortunate at the Center and to make San Antonio a better place to live.

Cathi Lucy

Chicago-North Shore

For eight years the Chicago-North Shore Alumnae Chapter has been building our wrapping paper fund-raiser into a financial success for Theta, and having a great time doing it.

In early spring, five wrapping papers are chosen, ordered by the ream and cut into almost 5,000 sheets. We have a summer open house party at which members paste samples on order forms. Baby sitting is often provided, and members

drop in for as long as they can. The order forms are then sent to our mailing list which has grown to more than 2,000 names.

We kick off the new season in September with a paper rolling party. Everyone circulates to meet new members and catch up with friends. We roll, munch and gab (Not always in that order!). Finally, in November, orders are sorted and district "captains" distribute paper to Thetas in their area for personal delivery. This year, with our growing reputation and clientele, we were able to buy in bulk at a discount to give us the equivalent of four free reams, or about 900 sheets.

With a membership of full-time mothers, graduate students, career women and Thetas who mix all these activities, we have been able to draw from our diversified experience and talents for Theta's financial benefit. More importantly, we have developed closeness, and respect for the variety of abilities of our Theta sisters.

Diane Ward Jones

Birmingham

What could be better than an event that joins our daytime and evening Theta groups, earns a great deal of money for our philanthropies, offers an opportunity for early holiday shopping and finishes with fine wines, cheeses and good company!

The Birmingham Alumnae Chapter holds our Holiday Craft Auction and Raffle every November. Thetas who attend the daytime meetings join with the evening group, Nite-Kites, for an evening of fund raising and Theta spirit. Throughout the year, Thetas work on homemade crafts, jams and baked goods, which are donated to this event. Craft items include clothing, artwork, holiday decorations, baskets and weavings, pillows, candles and jewelry, stuffed animals and toys. Anything goes and everything sells. We make it, bake it, fake it and then take it! We also sell raffle tickets for a holiday flower arrangement.

This project is planned by our



Sue Johnson, one of the Birmingham chapter's auctioneers, shows off an item up for bid at the chapter's craft auction.

ways and means chairmen who work with the hospitality and evening group chairmen to arrange location (a member's home), hostesses, auctioneers and publicity. Our first notice appears in the president's June newsletter, which is mailed to all Thetas in the suburban area, thus giving us six months to prepare. We have our largest attendance at this function and usually earn a profit of about \$800. Profits from this festive evening benefit our local philanthropy, Camp Oakland; Girls' Ranch and the District III college chapters.

Nancy Schutte

Santa Barbara

Friends call Santa Barbara "Fantasyland," and indeed it is when compared with Los Angeles. But the same qualities that create an idyllic city create unique problems for a Theta alumnae chapter. No growth means expensive housing, and few industries translate into a steady population; newcomers are few and always "established." The membership of the Santa Barbara Alumnae Chapter remains amazingly stable, allowing close bonds of friendship to develop through many years of working together, but speeding the process of burnout as the same people continue the same work year after year.

These unique circumstances dictate the need to nurture and strengthen the ties of friendship, so our most successful meetings are social events that combine work and play.

Our Poinsettia Potluck does this best. Santa Barbara Thetas sell poinsettia plants as their major fund-raiser each year. Last year more than 800 plants were sold by a group that considers an attendance of 20 at a meeting overwhelming.

Plants are delivered to the clubhouse of a member's condominium community where Thetas pick them up. Some stay for a potluck dinner; those who can't stay still have an opportunity to chat with old and new friends. Since many Thetas participate only in the sale of poinsettias each year, this event allows us to extend the hand of friendship even during fund raising. Even more importantly, it also allows the nucleus of active workers to see that others do participate and do support their efforts.

All of us in Santa Barbara worry about the lack of new members, but our stability also uniquely develops our sense of sisterhood. Once again, life offers the bittersweet even in "Fantasyland."

Laurie Guitteau

Bloomington

The Bloomington Alumnae Chapter is planning its 26th annual Antique Show. The proceeds from ticket sales and the show's Country Kitchen have enabled us to give thousands of dollars to charities in the community and to fund scholarships at Beta Chapter. Additionally, these activities contribute to Kappa Alpha Theta philanthropies.

Our members do it all: sell tickets, serve and prepare food, decorate the show facility and sell more tickets. We are ably assisted in the Country Kitchen by Beta Chapter's collegians who act as waitresses and "chefs." Working together allows the collegians and alumnae to get to know each other in a setting apart from the chapter house.

The show's logo, an antique rocking horse, is recognized in a large area, and our dealers come from throughout the Midwest. Their merchandise runs the gamut from apple baskets to washstands, with glassware, silver, dolls, rugs and dishes in between.

The April, 1986 show will take on

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a new look as we move to a different facility, add more dealers and acquire guidance from a well-known show promoter. We are changing and growing as we begin the next 25 years of "antiquing" and giving to our community.

Bonnie Blakely Sperry

St. Louis

Oh, how we moan and groan each year . . . "Where are those curtains we used to cover the broken window? Who has the rocking chair for Santa? Can you believe mice ate all the paper gingerbread men we spent hours cutting out? Who's going to babysit while we work our shifts?"

Then, suddenly, everything falls in place and the magic spell is cast. The Christmas lights twinkle and the music begins. The antique model train chugs all around its track, scents of cinnamon and spice float from the kitchen, laughter sounds from every room and we open the door to welcome all the children who will come to this year's St. Louis Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Santa House.

For two full weeks each December, more than 200 Theta volunteers dressed as elves create a holiday delight for children. The program includes a trip to the Children's Only Shop where gifts cost \$2, time to play in Santa's Workshop, a puppet show, a visit with Santa and a final stop in the kitchen to pick up a cookie from Mrs. Santa.

St. Louis Theta alumnae originated the Santa House in 1973, using the parish house of Webster Hills Methodist Church in Webster Groves, Mo. In 1982, the Santa House moved to a historic 150-year-old home called Jarville House. Set on rolling hills in a huge public park, this old plantation provides the perfect setting for a country Christmas theme, as well as ample parking for the 6,000 visitors we receive each year.

Profits the very first year totaled \$9,397; \$4,000 was given to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Through the years, sources of revenue have been added to the \$1 ad-

mission ticket. These include photos with Santa, an Adults Only Luncheon and Tour, an annual Patron's Party and Auction, a gift shop for adults and a coloring book sponsored by local businesses and given to each child. To date, St. Louis Theta's have contributed nearly \$200,000 from Santa House profits to various sources of need, including the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, Kappa Alpha Theta and Panhellenic scholarships, and the Good Shepherd School in St. Louis.

The financial value of this project is easy to calculate. Much more difficult to assess is the amount of good will our Santa House generates for Kappa Alpha Theta in the community, and the impact it makes upon our own group of alumnae and collegians. Nothing fosters friendship so much as working together toward a common goal. For this reason alone, the Santa House is invaluable to us.

Leslie Dimit

This year the alumnae chapter chose an evening potluck dinner. As with any dinner or brunch, some advance planning was necessary. Arrangements for a home to accommodate a large group were made, and area students and their mothers were contacted. A list of area collegians was obtained, and letters were sent to the students. A telephone committee contacted alumnae, asking them to bring a salad, entree or dessert. In addition, notices were placed in local newspapers and shopping guides.

This successful activity is one of our favorities for it brings together three groups important to Kappa Alpha Theta: Theta collegians, those important Theta Moms and, of course, the alumnae. By getting together for an afternoon or evening of good food and company, each group gets to know the other better and develops a sense of how special Theta is to each of us.

Because the Northern Virginia



St. Louis Theta elves, from left, Judy McLane, Anne Weller and Nancy Klobasa create wreaths to sell in their Santa's House gift shop.

Northern Virginia

For several years, Northern Virginia alumnae have hosted a Christmas, collegiate brunch or dinner for area college Thetas and their mothers. The get-together is held in the home of an alumna during Christmas week, when students are home on break.

area is so large, it is often difficult for college Thetas to locate each other and get acquainted. This special time allows lasting friendships to be made. The collegians' mothers also experience how Theta love extends beyond the college level.

This Christmas event is also special to our alumnae chapter. During

this magical time of the year, members of Theta are brought closer together, and Theta love moves beyond our chapter to collegians and their families. Through fellowship the spirit of Kappa Alpha Theta is shared.

Lisa Sombart Street

Wichita

Over the past 23 years, the Wichita Alumnae Chapter has been involved in raising funds for the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, the three college chapters in Kansas, and local charities through our sponsorship of the Theta Antique-Boutique Show.

Since we began sponsoring the Show each fall, the antique dealers, representing the Midwest, have been selected by World-Wide Antique Shows in Aurora, Colo. The antiques displayed for sale include silver, furniture, china, crystal, collectibles, quilts, dolls and books.

The boutique area, managed by Liz McClure and Ellen Mitchell (both Alpha Omicron), has grown to be a very desirable location for craftsmen to sell their goods. The Theta managers select dealers to sell handcrafted items, including Christmas decorations, wheatweaving items, paintings, ceramics, clothing and folk art.

Thetas are also responsible for all publicity for the Show, ranging from television and radio spots, newspaper articles and advertisements, to the design of the poster distributed throughout the Wichita Metropolitan area.

Our first goal, to raise money for the Foundation and the Institute of Logopedics, is achieved by members and local shops selling \$2.50 tickets, which can be used for all three days of the Show. The chapter receives 75 percent of advance sales and 15 percent of door sales. Members are responsible for selling ten tickets. If the members choose to donate the ticket money, the unused tickets are distributed to area senior citizens. In the past three years we have averaged \$4,010 from ticket sales.

Money received from food sales, an average of \$3,630, is donated to

the Kansas college chapters to use for their special projects. We receive 15 percent of boutique sales to contribute to local charities. Contributions in the name of Kappa Alpha Theta have been made to the Ronald McDonald House, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Hospice of Wichita, Children's Service League and Booth Memorial Hospital (Salvation Army). The amount distributed in the community averages \$6,595.

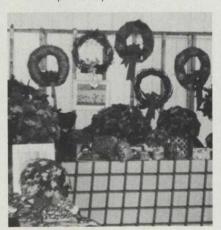
Our show is successful in many ways. It is an excellent chance for new members to meet old ones and learn about the organization in an informal manner. It is also a rewarding way to help our own Fraternity, our national philanthropy and our college sisters, as well as people in our community who may be less fortunate than we are.

Patricia M. Dengler

Fort Collins

The Founders' Day celebration is special for all alumnae and collegians of Kappa Alpha Theta, and the Fort Collins Alumnae Chapter is no exception. For years more than 80 alumnae from the Fort Collins area (including Greeley, Loveland and Cheyenne, Wyoming), and collegians from Beta Gamma Chapter at Colorado State University have gathered to honor our founders, as well as our many 50-Year Thetas who live in the Fort Collins area.

Handcrafted items and antiques are sold at the Wichita Alumnae Chapter's annual Theta Antique Boutique Show.



The Fort Collins Country Club was host for our 1985 Founders' Day celebration. Eighty-nine Thetas, including 38 collegians, enjoyed the events of the day: luncheon, skit, awards, and pinning our new 50-year Thetas. The activities were especially fun and meaningful for Fort Collins Alumnae Chapter President Ruth Brown, as she shared the master of ceremonies chores with her daughter Meg, the newly-elected president of Beta Gamma. We were all honored to have in attendance at the luncheon Alumnae District President Mimi Reid.

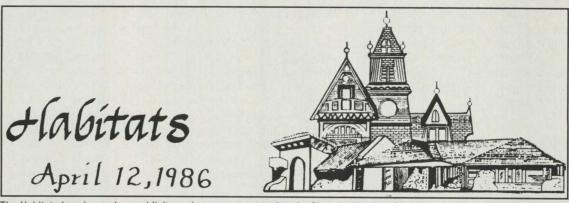
Margaret Batson was Hannah, Mimi Reid was Bettie, M. A. Moffat was the sister of our other Bettie (Tipton Lindsey), and Janey Kramer was the daughter of Alice, in a delightful skit, which cleverly depicted our founders, years later, reminiscing about their accomplishments in 1870. The skit, "Theta for a Lifetime," was written by Mary Mantz of the Kansas City Alumnae Chapter.

With alumnae and collegians together, what better time than Founders' Day for the alumnae to recognize outstanding accomplishments by the Beta Gammas. This year's Margaret Seaton Blevins Award was presented to Jenny Sitzman. Our Outstanding Pledge Award was given to Maggie Uhlarik.

The Fort Collins Alumnae Chapter is both proud and grateful to the 19, 50-year Thetas that belong to our chapter. Each one received a rose bud at Founders' Day. We delivered the buds to those unable to attend our luncheon. Our two new 50-year Thetas were Gladys Carlson Terrell and Virginia Cofer. In attendance at our 1985 celebration was one of Beta Gamma's 1917 charter members, Gladys Farr Reynolds, who lives in Greeley, Colo.

For Fort Collins alumnae and Beta Gamma collegians Founders' Day 1985 was a day of sharing friendships past and present, a day of honoring the outstanding and a day of remembering. Remembering Alice, the two Betties and Hannah, for their dreams of a Fraternity

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The Habitats logo is used on publicity and programs promoting the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter's benefit homes tour.

for women—dreams that became reality.

Judy Sherwin Andersen

Reno

The Beta Mu Alumnae Chapter in Reno, Nevada, sponsors an event each year that brings its members and community members together. The alumnae group sponsors a soup kitchen at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. The buildings there are warm, well-decorated and include an outdoor patio. October is the month chosen for the event because at that time of year in Reno the air is brisk, but not too cold to enjoy outside dining. This year was no exception!

The day was beautiful and the kitchen was attended by more than 200 people. There were six kinds of soups, bread and wines to choose from. The types of soups served were: cream of artichoke and mushroom soup; lentil soup with bacon; Italian sausage soup; minestrone soup; zucchini soup; and Iced Cherry Soup with Whipped Cream for dessert. Everything was scrumptions! What delight in tasting a little of each soup. The meal was well worth the \$5 charge!

Kim Sweatt, Barbara Codega and Rose Rowe did a marvelous job this year. The organizers sent out recipes to Thetas who had expressed their willingness to cook. Each Theta made a gallon portion of soup, and they all brought them together on the day of the kitchen for heating and serving, Theta volunteers also donated a small Christmas tree with homemade ornaments

for the kitchen.

Our soup kitchen means meeting Thetas we haven't seen in years and saying hello to husbands, friends and other community members. This year we had a good time, raised money and the golden bonds of Theta were rekindled in many hearts.

Debbie Jacques

Phoenix

Habitats, the Benefit Homes Tour held every April by the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter, involves many area Thetas in a very successful fund-raiser. The public is invited to tour three unique Phoenix area homes that, in the past, have ranged from Frank Lloyd Wright's desert house to a home on the side of Camelback Mountain.

Thetas and Valley merchants contribute to the tour's uniqueness by decorating tables in the homes and by presenting floral arrangements. Each special decoration is given a name and suggested menus are presented when appropriate to the setting. One table, for example, was decorated in an Easter theme and titled Bunnies and Brunch. It was accompanied by a menu suggesting an Easter brunch. Thetas also serve as hostesses throughout the homes, pointing out unusual features and directing visitors. More than 200 area Thetas work the day Habitats is held. Collegians from Arizona State help alumnae with hostess duties and with table settings.

Work on Habitats begins months ahead of the actual day. A busy committee works on everything from publicity to home selectioneven traffic patterns inside and outside of the houses. Workshops are held where Thetas learn to make rolls, pasta, French bread and jelly. All of these items end up at one of the homes in our Country Kitchen, a delightful place created from orange crates and calico, and stocked with hundreds of homemade goodies. Visitors may sample green pepper jelly or salsa before they take home some of these wonderful treats.

Proceeds from Habitats go to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, Sunshine Acres Children's Home, scholarships, Loyally in Theta Fund and the Speech and Hearing Clinic housed at Arizona State University. Each year the benefit has grown, with last year's successful Habitats earning more than \$13,000 for these worthwhile projects.

Habitats would not be successful without the many helping hands and the efforts of many Valley Thetas. When all the work is done, the benefit concludes with a cocktail party and silent auction. In addition to celebrating the success of the day, Thetas and their husbands and guests enjoy some spirited bidding on such items as a week's stay in a vacation home, helicopter rides, or treasures donated or solicited by alumnae. Earnings go to enrich the coffers of the benefit, while everyone toasts a job well done.

Linda Knoblock

Richardson-North Dallas

The Richardson-North Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta works at their philanthropic project with much enthusiasm and

lively spirit during the Christmas season. The sale of poinsetties (last year, about 1,260 plants) topped the previous year's sales of about \$2,600.

Profits are given to several different projects. In addition to a contribution to Theta, nationally, a portion is given to district projects, including donations to six sorority house funds for Thetas on campus and a very needy cause close to our own neighborhood.

The donation to Dobie Elementary School, whose students come from many different backgrounds and cultures including Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Mexican Americans, Black Americans and Caucasian, gives us joy in knowing that our money is helping these families so close to home. Mr. Don Savav. the principal of the school, is known in the area as "The Pied Piper of Dobie." He distributes the money for clothing, shoes, food, rent, utilities, medical help, or whatever the need may be. Last year our donation was \$600.

The "icing on the cake" for the work required to fund these projects is the fun and camaraderie derived from participating members. A committee of four members sets the goundwork early in the fall by distributing order blanks and taking orders for the poinsettias. Members sell plants to friends, neighbors, churches, business establishments, banks and relatives. In November the members make red bows and prepare green foil paper. Then, in early December, these are used to "dress" the plants. Thetas gather at the home of a member and enjoy two days of work and fun: eating lunch together, getting the hundreds of plants ready for delivery and delivering them.

This worthy project warms the hearts of the 75 percent of the alumnae members who participate. It is considered one of the highlights of the Theta year for the Richardson-North Dallas Alumnae Chapter.

Bobbie J. Hodge

Evanston and North Shore

Last fall our chapter celebrated

its 75th anniversary with a tea. Several hundred Theta alumnae in the area were invited, regardless of whether they were members of our chapter, which has 183 dues-paying members. The purpose was to celebrate our chapter's birthday and renew friendships. We also hoped to gain some new members, and we did!

The tea was held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at a Theta's home. About six weeks ahead, we ordered a printout of area Theta alumnae organized by zipcodes. Four weeks ahead, invitations were sent. Our board members were asked to donate tea sandwiches and cookies. Punch, coffee and tea were served and a woman was hired to work in the kitchen so we could greet the guests.

Among those present was a Theta initiated in 1914. Nothing was sold and no one was pressured to join. It gave us all a chance to meet some new people and see some who don't usually attend our regular meetings. Seventy-five years as an alumnae chapter is a wonderful occasion to celebrate.

Colette Johnston Hedien

Topeka

Every year in early December, the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Chapter of Topeka, Kansas, holds its Christmas Ornaments and Poinsettia Sale at the Alpha Upsilon Chapter House on the Washburn University campus.

It is a very successful fund-raiser. The profits are used to purchase gifts for the chapter houses at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas; Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas; and Washburn University of Topeka. Proceeds also are used for scholarship funds and for donations to KTWU, Washburn University's Public Television Station.

The annual event began many years ago, and changes have evolved during that time. In the beginning, the alumnae made ornaments and baked goods for the sale. After a few years, the sale committee discovered a greenhouse outside Topeka where the alumnae could

purchase beautiful poinsettias at very reasonable prices. More than 1,600 of several kinds of plants are sold every year, and the sale of poinsettias has grown to be the true money maker for the sale. Most of the plants are sold even before the sale begins.

A Christmas ornament supplier also was found, so the alumnae could spend more time on efforts other than making ornaments. This year more emphasis was placed on the baked goods sale, as it had been taking a back seat to the poinsettias and ornaments.

The most exciting part of the annual sale is the opportunity to meet and work with Theta friends, collegians and alumnae. It is a week-long event from the time the plants arrive until the end of sale day. It's a lot of hard work, but it's also a lot of fun. The alumnae have the sale down to an art, but it wouldn't work if it wasn't for the cooperation they receive from the college members. The collegians essentially give up their home for a week, and they are there to help the alumnae when needed.

The alumnae hold the sale for the benefit of the collegians, but also



Barbara Wydman, front, and Elizabeth Ensley sort the 2,500 poinsettia plants to be sold by Topeka's alumnae.

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for themselves and for Theta. It is a means of working for Theta's promise of sisterhood. That promise is met through the hard work and fun of the Christmas Ornaments and Poinsettia Sale.

Mary C. Wilds

San Mateo

Living in the Bay area enables our alumnae chapter to expand our monthly meetings from the usual luncheon, or evening meetings in a members home, to taking a trip or excursion. One of our most successful trips last year was a bus tour to some of the San Francisco clothing manufacturers' outlets. This Bargain Shopping Tour enticed many members to join in the day-long trip.

The members met the bus at a nearby shopping center and enjoyed coffee and doughnuts during the 30-minute bus ride to San Francisco. After we held a short business meeting, the tour director described the merchandise we would be seeing at the five outlets we visited. The outlets offer 40 to 80 percent discounts off retail prices. Most outlets are not open to the general public, but only through organized tour groups.

Our day of bargain shopping was also a benefit to our group, because it gave us each an opportunity to get to know different chapter members better. Those who finished shopping first gathered together to visit, so the end of the day found a happy group of new friends with plenty of bargains.

Vicky King

Cincinnati

The Alice Paul House, a temporary home for battered women and children in the Cincinnati area, is a happier home during the Christmas season thanks to the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter. As part of our philanthropic service to the community, the Cincinnati chapter helps to support the existence of the Alice Paul House.

Efforts to support the Alice Paul House are shown not only through the monetary donations that our alumnae chapter makes each year, but also through the thought and time that goes into planning and implementing the small projects that help make a big difference at the Alice Paul House.

One of our most successful projects is the Christmas project. It creates a great deal of involvement among alumnae members and brings a lot of joy to the children living at the House. The chapter first arranges to have toys, for boys and girls of all ages, donated by one of the area toy manufacturers. Members then arrange to pick up the toys at the warehouse. A wrapping party, which brings alumnae together, is held to wrap the toys for the children and tag each gift by age and sex. Once the toys are wrapped and coded, they are ready to be presented to the children.

The presentation of the wrapped Christmas toys takes place at a Christmas party that is held for the children at the Alice Paul House. A few alumnae members are invited to attend the party to present the colorful gifts. Although only a few members are able to see the faces of the children as they open their Christmas packages, every member can share in the knowledge that these may be the only Christmas gifts these children receive while staying at the Alice Paul House.

Lori B. Enyart

Colorado Springs

In October the Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter had a successful Soup-Sup fund-raiser for national and local philanthropies. Past president Carolyn Jolstad returned from Grand Convention with the idea. President Lisa Elder, Michele Price, committee head, and committee members Carolyn Jolstad, Sandy Mann, Marjorie Carrico and Chloe Cantwell-Rees did a fine job.

Requiring considerably less effort than some past projects, such as bazaars, we made a profit of about \$850. The location proved to be a big plus. Penny Norton Whitney, Beta Omega, and her husband, Craig, graciously offered us the use of their lovely English-style mansion for the affair. Alumnae members contributed all of the many kinds of soup. Rolls and butter, drinks (hot punch, coffee, tea) and mints were purchased. Tickets, bought ahead of time or at the door, were \$4 each. Friends, other sororities in the community, Colorado College members and friends—even a few groups of men—supported the light, lunchtime meal enthusiastically. Our local Rape Crisis Center and Domestic Violence programs benefited.

One note of caution. With so many crock-pot soup containers plugged in, we blew fuses three times in a three-hour period. Luckily our host is in the electrical engineering business, so we had immediate help!

Emily Gwinn

Lafayette

Lafayette Theta alumnae again helped deck the Hoosier halls with holly from Sherwood Forest Farms in the Chehalis Valley of Washington, near the site of Mt. St. Helena's eruption (which made that year's supply in doubt; but all ended well).

Proving to be popular gifts for friends, teachers, ministers and physicians, the holly sprays, wreaths and home-decorator kits netted \$1,111.50. This enabled the chapter to make gifts to a local philanthropy (Group Homes), the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation



Lafayette alumnae enjoy selling holly to raise money for philanthropies.

and Loyally in Theta Fund, as well as to the treasury of the local chapter. Janet Rush, chairman, flew to Texas to help with a new grandchild at pre-holiday time, so her husband, Jim, staunchly and efficiently coordinated pick-up and distribution of the greenery.

Beverlie Briggs Maynard

bicycles to a classical piano concert. Our Thetas are most creative in their donations, and high prices are awarded.

The auction is probably our best event each year. It gives us a social occasion to enjoy with our sisters and husbands or dates. It is great fun to admire Theta friends' talents we want. Later grants of larger amounts can be earmarked to continue these projects. Remember it is a small rudder that steers a large boat."

Throughout the year, the Minneapolis Thetas feel the closeness and satisfaction generated by our annual Charity Auction.

Margie Collier



Robby Coles presents a check from the Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter to Dr. Warren J. Warwick, director of Cystic Fibrosis Research at the University of Minnesota as Theta alumnae look on, from left, Elizabeth Coles, Judy Epley, Susan English, Susan Nielson and Celia Stretmayer. Money is raised at the chapter's Charity Auction.

Minneapolis

Each February, the Minneapolis Thetas, with their husbands and friends, battle the formidable snowbanks and blustery cold weather to congregate for the Theta Alumnae Charity Auction.

The event is held at the Gale Mansion, an historic home boasting beautiful antiques, an inviting fireplace and a large room where our activities take place. We browse around the tables where the silent auction items are displayed, help ourselves to the beautiful array of food at the buffet and then sit down to enjoy an elegant dinner.

Finally the action begins! The auctioneer starts the festivities by auctioning off a variety of items, which have been generously donated by Thetas, their families and local businesses. There is something for everyone. Items range from homemade pies to a week in a Colorado ski condominium; from catered dinners to babysitting; from

and to plan to purchase dinners or vacations together, knowing it is all for charity. Each year we come home with great gifts, ideas and a new appreciation for one another.

But the main point behind our efforts is to raise money for our favorite charities. This was done most successfully last year, as we donated more than \$3,600 to charity. We kept our expenses to a minimum by planning carefully and charging a fee to attend. Some of the charities we contribute to are: Loyally in Theta Fund, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, Children's Cancer Research Fund, Theta Educational Trust Fund and Cystic Fibrosis Research.

Dr. Warren J. Warwick, director of Cystic Fibrosis Research at the University of Minnesota, shared some thoughts with us about the kind of contribution we made, "This money, which is given with no strings attached, can be used as seed money to start any project

Ft. Worth

Most Thetas in Fort Worth would have no trouble stating what project they consider the most successful. I can almost hear a chorus of, "Santa's House!"

Santa's House is our gift to the community. It is also our only fund-raiser. For one week in December, we turn a historic mansion into a festive Santa land.

Santa's House has become a Christmas tradition for Fort Worth. Most children remember the activities in the different rooms and expect to see the same events year after year. Children start in the Package Room where a large seasonally-wrapped gift talks to them. They always sing carols and a story is told to them. This room is usually decorated by a toy store, which generously loans ample amounts of toys.

The children then proceed to the Puppet Room. Here they witness a short play based on the character Santa Mouse. Santa Mouse has been known to have quite a few escapades throughout the years. One fact we've learned the hard way: The simpler the play the better!

The next stop is the Activity Room. Here children create an object to take home. They have decorated and colored Christmas trees, ornaments, reindeer and just about everything else Christmas related. Cutting out 8,000 trees is a real challenge!

The next stop is a visit with Santa himself. Here children are asked what they desire for Christmas. Of course, this is the favorite room for most of the children. The delight on their faces is most gratifying to our volunteers. (We have no trouble recruiting husbands and friends

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for the role of Santa. One year a local car dealership loaned us its male employees. They enjoyed it so much, they insisted on returning the following year.) As the children exit, they pass through Mrs. Santa's kitchen. Here they chat with Mrs. Santa and receive a cookie. We receive donations of cookies from different sources.

In 1984, 8,000 children traveled through our Santa's House. We grossed \$6,701.99. This money was given to four organizations that we felt were particularly worthy: the Goodrich Center for the Deaf, the Goodfellows, the Southeast Side Youth project and Wish for Wings. We consider this project a triple winner. The children enjoy it, the community benefits from it and the Thetas come together for a pleasurable and worthwhile experience.

Our members, as all members everywhere, lead busy, productive lives. Yet they take time out of their lives during the busiest time of the year to work two or three shifts.

Maryanne Anthony

San Francisco

On the sunny morning of Saturday, Dec. 1, 1984, invited guests began trooping to the wide, front door of Jan Wren's commodious house at Fifty 19th Ave. San Francisco alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta welcomed them to the chapter's first Annual Christmas Boutique.

Already ohing and ahing at the bevy of red and white poinsettias, marshalled in pots on either side of the front steps, guests entering the spacious hallway breathed the warm fragrance of evergreen and spice. They first glimpsed Jan's heirlooms against gleaming, white woodwork, the latter a fitting surrogate for snow, appropriate to the South Pole motif of this benefit sale. Looking up, they could see candleglow reflected in the patina of an early 18th-century music box, reposed on a delicate console table at the landing of the stairway.

At one end of the long living room to the left of the hall, towered a full bodied Christmas tree, resplendent with ornaments and gifts. Before the fireplace at the opposite end of the room was one of many displays of holiday decorations and novelties.

Upstairs and downstairs, every chair, sofa or bed held its share of Christmas objects—artwork, needlework, fabulous angels, dolls, pillows, wreaths, ribbons, coordinated wrap with handpainted tags and, above all, penguins. There were aprons with penguin appliques, whimsical penguin ornaments and, in the kitchen, chocolate penguins, along with other festive shapes of birds, animals, stars and Santa Clauses. A kitchen table held Christmas breads, cookies, puddings and rare preserves.

Samples of the foods for sale were included in the buffet of edible delights on the candlelit dining room table. It also held the wassail bowl at one end, coffee and tea service at the other.

Of course, all this takes months of planning and weeks of preparation. The idea of replacing the silent auction, which for years had been concurrent with that annual Christmas benefit party, with a separate and unique sale-a Christmas Boutique—took root at a board meeting in the Spring of 1984. It was decided that the Boutique would begin modestly as a private, invitational affair, to be developed year by year; its reputation to grow by word of mouth. Its purpose, like that of the Christmas party, is to augment individual contributions to the several philanthropies, local and national, which Kappa Alpha Theta endeavors to support.

For the second annual Theta Christmas Boutique, held Saturday, Dec. 7, 1985, Jan Wren again opened her lovely house. Again in charge of the Boutique were Presidents emeritae Ruth Diefenbach and Patty McCrary. In harmony with the theme, Scotties' Christmas, bright red invitations—headed with a row of black, beribboned Scotties—were printed and distributed. Unique jewelry was added to the many items for sale, as were Scotties: ceramic; chocolate; carved and painted wood for doorstops; aprons appliqueed with Scotties; winsome Scotty ornaments for the tree and

As in 1984, many items by artisans were taken on consignment; yet others were the donated creations of talented Thetas who rallied to assist Ruth and Patty. The first annual Theta Christmas Boutique netted almost \$600 and reliable sources indicate that the 1985 Boutique did even better. A lot of work, but great fun linked with camaraderie, the Boutique is certainly developing as planned. Enthusiasm for this successful project

San Francisco alumnae Marilyn Diggs Mange, left, and Shirley Scott admire a gift display at the Christmas benefit boutique, an annual chapter event.





Theta alumna Helen Spence presented one of the Diablo Valley chapter's most successful meetings.

runs high among repeat customers, as well as among members of the chapter.

Austin

Invitations are mailed early in October. The date is right there, on the Calendar of Austin Happenings, and everyone knows that once again the Theta Paper Caper is on its way. Don't worry about babysitters because the collegians are available and will cheerfully help out.

Theta Paper Caper is a shopping party, held each year at an alumna's home, for all the friends of Theta. It offers them a large selection of gift wraps, ribbons and decorations for Christmas and other special occasions. These items are competively priced, and year after year bargain-hunting buyers appear, happily gathering up these most desirable necessities.

With all proceeds to benefit the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, Alpha Theta scholarships and community projects, the generous spirit of giving gets an early start.

Besides, who could resist—all credit cards are welcome!

Jane Whynaught

Diablo Valley

One of the most successful meetings of the Diablo Valley Alumnae Chapter was given by Helen Spence, one of our area Thetas who is involved in all our activities. She talked about her experiences as the

wife of the Resident Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Malaysia and Kashmir.

Helen shared her thoughts on the United Nations and some of the activities in which the U.N. participates, as well as her travels on the foreign assignments. Her beautiful souvenirs from these far-away lands were shared with the group. One of the most interesting of these was "ring shawl" made of Persian lambs' wool. The shawl measured approximately two feet by six feet, and was so sheer that it could be drawn through a wedding band.

This program was the most well attended meeting that we have held. Its success was due to the fact that our group is very interested in the travels, experiences and activities of our own members. We find that sharing our interests, whether business or pleasure, with each other brings us closer.

Denny Fahrenthold

Chicago NW Suburban

If success can be measured in terms of meaning, remembrance, and closeness, then Founders' Day for the Chicago Northwest Suburban alumnae was our chapter's outstanding meeting last year.

Our luncheon each January is always one of the highlights of the year. Our committee again prepared a delicious meal at the home of Kathy Steffes Mogensen on a very cold and snowy January day. After the luncheon, the chairman, Joanne Langjahr Lund, presented the Founders' Day program, which she had spent so much time and effort in preparing.

During the program, Ann Voigtman Hunt sang while accompanying herself on the guitar. As the afternoon came to a close, we all agreed it had been a special time that made Theta hearts warm with friendship.

Beverly Jobes Modlin

Sacramento Valley

An idea given birth by Ann Worthington and Leslie Raggio Righetti started our chapter on its way to our biggest fund-raiser ever. Their plan was to present gift baskets to secretaries during National Secretaries Week in April 1985. Our chapter chose to honor a profession largely peopled by women, the secretarial profession, as a focus of our fund-raiser, and to donate the profits to help a group of people close to the hearts of women—abused chidren.

Baskets containing unique items indicative of our region of the country were created by chapter members for delivery to secretaries. First, flyers offering the filled baskets for sale were distributed by members and their husbands to maior businesses in the area: law firms, medical professional groups and others. Orders were placed and paid for in advance. Next, local businesses were asked to donate goods for inclusion in the baskets. Items filling the baskets included flowers, sampler bottles of wine. croissants, gift certificates for gelato and chocolate truffles and almonds.

The third step was chapter meetings spent lining wicker baskets with gingham and dressing them up with ribbons. After the baskets were prepared, they were filled, wrapped in clear cellophane and cards, addressed to the recipients with the giver's names on them, were attached. Finally, the baskets were delivered during National Secretaries Week, with chapter members dividing delivery into geographic areas of the city.

Because of the hard work of chapter members and the generosity of local businesses, the price of the baskets was kept at a reasonable \$15 each, with the majority of that cost being profit. Planning was key to the project, which became our most successful fund-raiser, and the chapter proudly donated the profits to the local Child Abuse Council. The baskets disappeared so fast, we never got a picture of one!

Carol D. Mills

Milwaukee

There are 150,000 adults in Mil-

waukee who are functionally illiterate. This means they lack the reading skills necessary to perform basic tasks for survival. The economic and social costs of this waste of minds are staggering.

The Milwaukee Theta alumnae are helping to do something about this devastating social problem. A large portion of the profits from our annual wrapping paper sales are donated to the Laubach Literacy Center of Milwaukee. At the center, more than 300 volunteer tutors are teaching nonreaders, utilizing the phonics-picture-word association concept and the "each one, teach one" principle developed by Dr. Frank C. Laubach.

Dr. Laubach began teaching more than 50 years ago in the Phillipines. Since then his concepts have spread to literacy programs in 105 countries and 313 languages. His methods have helped millions of adults in the United States acquire the language, reading and writing skills necessary to function in today's world, while developing a sense of personal worth. The center's services are free to any adult whose reading level is below eighth grade. The volunteer tutors at the street-front location in Milwaukee teach 800 students who come three times a week for instruction.

The Laubach Literacy Center is financed entirely by individuals, churches, foundations, business and the Milwaukee Thetas. The alumnae are not only providing financial help, but a number of our group are volunteering their time and energy to teach.

We are helping and we are having fun doing it! Our paper-cuttingand-rolling sessions, held in Thetas homes, are popular excuses for us to get together to socialize and munch goodies (while working!).

Charlene Gibbs Champley

Fresno

For more than 20 years, Gamma Chi Chapter alumnae have undertaken a highly successful fundraiser. In its inception, mostly candles of all types and sizes were sold; thus the name Flaming Festi-

val. This event, held every October at the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house, has grown to become a large arts and crafts boutique with a bake shop and cafe.

There are many facets to the success of our Flaming Festival. It is one of the first Christmas boutiques of the season and also one of the first boutiques started in Fresno.

Flaming Festival is patronized by hundreds of loyal supporters. The cafe, which serves sandwiches, pastries and coffee, is staffed by the pledges. The bake shop consists of hundreds of goodies, from cookies, cakes and candies, to breads, pickles and preserves. All items are donated by the loving hands of many alumnae.

Financially, the Festival is a super-fund-raiser and nets our alumnae treasury thousands of dollars. The proceeds are divided among several areas. The Institute of Logopedics and the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Fresno State University are the two major beneficiaries. The community also benefits through donations to the Rape Counsel and Women in Crisis Organizations. In addition, we have established a scholarship for a Theta collegian, and present a gift to the chapter house for the benefit of the members.

The success of our fund-raiser is not only financial. Perhaps the most important benefit is the fellowship it brings to so many. Not only does the community look forward to browsing and buving unique items, but Thetas from all over the San Joaquin Valley look forward to this day to see old friends and Theta sisters. It also gives alumnae an opportunity to meet and get to know the collegians, and to visit the chapter house. Although just 10 to 12 alumnae chair the committees for Flamming Festival, it is through the love and support of more than 100 Thetas, young and old, that we so successfully meet the needs of so many.

Kathie Babigian

Dallas

What started out to be a gloomy,

rainy weekend in Dallas turned out to be one of the most exciting Saturday nights in October. At noon on Saturday the rain stopped; and the view of the sunset over freshwashed hills at La Cima Ranch, near Dallas, was the perfect backdrop for the Dallas alumnae Chapter's Texas Celebration.

Theta husbands, dates and friends loved it! We were out in the country, no coats and ties, and what was once a show barn was transformed into a western dance hall. Bales of hay were used to sit on, and the western band was staged on a hav truck. Bales were stacked in front of the truck, with mums sprinkled about.

Tents were attached on two sides of the barn. They were decorated with more scarecrows, candles, and fall decorations, which were sold for \$25 at the party. One tent was used as an eating area with 30 tables. The other was the food area. Wonderful appetizers were served, and the main course was Cajun food, buffet style. The menu included gumbo, grilled red and black fish cooked to guests' specifications, potatoes, cole slaw, beans, hot rolls and hot praline sauce poured over vanilla ice cream.

One of the most wonderful events of the evening was the singing talent donated by our very own Theta Christy Hedges. Christy is a brandnew Dallas Theta. She was a Theta song leader at the University of Missouri, and has even cut a record. How lucky Dallas is to have this gifted Theta!

The party was a huge success. We collected about \$40,000. Single tickets were \$85, \$300 patron tickets included two tickets, and \$1000 patron tickets included four tickets. All patrons were treated to a special party in the main house, which is owned by the former mayor of Dallas, the father of our party chairman.

This idea for a party fund raiser is terrific, and your husbands, dates and friends will have an evening to remember.

Suzy Groth Rhodes

The Wee White House

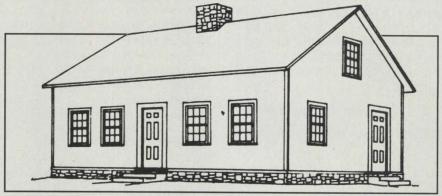
In 1980 the Denison University chapter house of Beta Tau Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, in Granville, Ohio, was placed in the National Register of Historic Places.

It was filed under "Granville Multiple Resource Area" because of the rich offerings of historic buildings concentrated in the Granville area.

The original Esquire Gilman house—"a story and a half house, 28 x 36 feet with posts 11 feet high"—was built in 1808 and still remains as the core of the house, which has seen several additions and today is much larger. It has been called a "gem of architecture" and, as its owner Elias Gilman was a leading citizen of Granville, this now venerable house became the center of many and varied public interests in its early history.

The story of the Gilman house is also the story of the town of Granville, Denison University and Ohio. It begins in New England with people of strong religious and pioneer spirit who wanted to find more fertile land to support their growing population.

Elias Gilman, a highly respected citizen of Granville, Mass., was elected to lead the first family party to Ohio. There were 37 people in his group including his wife, son and two daughters. They arrived at their destination, after an arduous 44 days on the road, November 2, 1805. Several more parties arrived in the following months and, by January 1806, there were 234 people in the colony. On the 29,040-acre site, which they named Granville, surrounded by the Welsh Hills, they found their "hills for



The Beta Tau Chapter House is the oldest frame house in Granville, Ohio. Here, as it would have appeared in 1808, the year it was built by Elias Gilman.

health and level lands for fertility."

As the parties arrived there was an immediate need for shelter, and within two or three weeks a cluster of cabins appeared on "settling lots" on what is now the village square. A few days after he arrived, Elias Gilman built the family cabin and soon purchased 100 acres of farm land and seven of the eight lots of Block 2 of the village plot. There was a large spring to the west of his cabin, which became of great importance to the settlers and was the town water supply for many years. It was in constant use and on March 21, 1806, Elias Gilman deeded the spring and its approaches to the town "as long as water shall run."

The story of the Gilman house is also the story of the town of Granville,

Denison University and Ohio.

Anthony Prichard piped water from the spring to his home, now the Delta Delta Delta house, in 1840. This spring water was hauled to the four-story Granville Female Academy, now the site of the Granville Inn, in 1838. Townspeople remembered its use in hot weather as late as the 1890s. Today, no longer in use, the spring remains, covered

for safety, part of the beautiful memorial garden on the west lawn of the Theta chapter house.

In the early spring of 1808, Elias Gilman began construction of his permanent home on the site of his first cabin. The Spelman house, built on the northeast corner of Broadway and Pearl Streets, was completed a half day earlier than the Gilman house, but it was destroyed by fire in 1815. Thus the Gilman house remains the oldest frame house in Granville.

The Gilman house was built substantially of hardwood timber, post and beam construction, on an eight-foot stone foundation wall. It is today in a remarkable state of preservation. Typical of New England homes of the day it had a five-bay facade with a central hall and stairway, a parlor on each side of the center and a kitchen located behind the west parlor.

The second floor east chamber of the house was a low arch-ceilinged room with a fireplace and entry on the west wall and a window on the east wall. The Freemasons of Granville organized and conducted their first meeting in this room in 1809. This fact is recorded on a bronze plaque on the front of the chapter house. Since at this time there was widespread opposition to secret organizations, the Masons built a partition across the east window and held their meetings there in secrecy.

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The Gilman house was also the site of the first Post Office in Granville, and the first library of the village was housed there. The east chamber upstairs was used as one of the first select schools, and in the 1880s the Women's Christian Temperance Union (Granville chapter) was organized there. Visiting pastors and merchants stayed overnight or for extended periods of time in the much revered Gilman home.

The Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house, or Gilman house, has kept its brilliance through the years.

Squire Gilman was highly thought of, however between 1818 and 1830 he suffered from alcoholism and lost his businesses and village offices. Anthony Prichard, his son-in-law, bought the property in 1822 for \$1200. The deed stipulated that the house should remain the residence of Elias Gilman for as long as he lived. In 1830 Squire Gilman signed a pledge of total abstinence with the Granville Temperance Society and did not even taste cider during the remainder of his life. He regained his fortune and his public offices and continued to be an honored citizen until his death on January 28, 1857, at the age of 92. He had lived to be known as the oldest of the emigrants who settled Granville in 1805.

Architects Ben Morgan and Minard Lafever, designers of the Avery House and St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Broadway Street in Granville, were also responsible for the design of the Gilman house. Sometime in the early or middle 1830s when the classic revival in architecture reached Ohio, the Gilman house was completely remodeled in the Greek revival style. A porch with four Doric columns of solid walnut was added to the east side of the house and the quaint east chamber upstairs was enlarged to become the roof of the portico.

In 1863 a north living room, shed and back porch were added to the house, and the west bedroom may have been added at that time, but the exact date is unknown. In 1914 extensive remodeling of the interior was done to meet larger chapter needs, the house was wired for electricity and the north living room section was enlarged with the addition of a fireplace nook and a solarium.

Denison University was established in 1831 as the Granville Literary and Theological Institution by the Regular Baptists of Ohio. It was located on a 200-acre farm on Columbus Road southwest of Granville so the students could "labor a portion of their time, to aid the expenses of education, and better prepare them for hardness." Because of hard times and lack of funds, the college moved into Granville on land bought from Anthony Prichard. Prichard had sold the Gilman

Chi Psi Delta Greek letters. In 1935 the north living room was extended across the north side of the house and the kitchen was enlarged. Then in 1958 after several years of fund raising, the large chapter room was added on the west side.

Much of the history of the house is still visible in the style of the architecture, the decor and the furnishings. The old spinning wheel at the top of the stairs and the chairs in the east chamber upstairs are among the original furnishings of the house. They were given to the Theta chapter by the founders of Chi Psi Delta. The canal boat picture hanging in the parlor is also reminiscent of earlier times in the history of Ohio. It was a gift to Theta by the Chi Psi founders in 1929. There are many other cherished pieces in the house, among



Denison University's Theta chapter house holds a wealth of history within its walls. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

house and town spring to Henry Wright in 1853 and had taken Elias and Rachel Gilman into his home.

Henry Wright sold the property to Joseph Linnel in 1860 and in 1883 Hannah Linnel, sister of Joseph, sold the south half of Lots 11 and 12 to Cyrus Williams. In 1904 when the two sororities at Denison were given permission to own their chapter houses, Chi Psi Delta, the local sorority, bought the beautiful Gilman house for \$1200, the same price paid in 1822. The oldest house in Granville became the first sorority house at Denison University.

In 1927 the Chi Psi Delta house was extensively redecorated and refurnished to the great pride of its members. Chi Psi Delta became Beta Tau Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta in 1929, but the gable window of the Doric porch retains the

which are four chairs with beautiful needlepoint seat covers, worked by dedicated alumnae in a labor of love for future Thetas.

The limited use of sorority houses at Denison makes the houses very special indeed. They are used for chapter meetings and social functions, not as residences. The Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house, or Gilman house, has kept its brilliance through 177 years because of the love and pride of its caretakers.

The Wee White House, as many Denison Thetas have lovingly called it, is the proud symbol not only of our youth as college students, but of our heritage as Americans.

Dorothy J. Jones
Beta Tau/Denison



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Laura Stillings Kutney Alberta 1955; July 1985 Jeanette Campbell Cameron (Mrs. Arba) Albion 1902; Sherry Bailey Boice Arizona 1948; Annette Porter Arizona 1942; July 1985 Judy Olsen Brackin Beloit 1961; October 1985 Carolyn Oliver Bullard (Mrs. Allan) U. of Calif./Berkeley 1930; September 1985 Patricia Brock Childers (Mrs. Fred) U. of Calif./Santa Barbara 1950; February 1984 Laura Price Hilton (Mrs. John) U. of S. Calif. 1942; October 1984 Elizabeth Grant Malone (Mrs. Thomas) Colorado College 1940; June 1985 Diane Webber Johnson (Mrs. Gary) Colorado State 1975; Margaret Bullen Walsh (Mrs. Norris) Colorado State 1919; October 1985 Beverly Rodewall Becker Colorado 1940;

Margaret Walling Jones (Mrs. Dean) Colorado 1945; Julia Hardin Mooney (Mrs. Richard) Cornell 1933; September 1985 Marie Beard Scott (Mrs. James) Cornell 1908; November 1984 Betty Lindstrom Boyd (Mrs. William) Denison 1936; July 1981 Diane Bowsman Stone Denison 1943; December 1985 Margaret Johnson Hancock

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Bernice Berry Ramskill (Mrs. J. H.) Montana 1916; October 1985 Lulu Mae Coe

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CORRECTION: Barbara Nichols Baldwin, listed in the Winter 1985 edition of In Memoriam, attended the University of California at Los Angeles, not Berkeley.

Evelyn Smith Norton (Mrs. Richard)

Wisconsin 1923; October 1985

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Grand Convention Hotel Reservation and Registration Form

(non-delegate use only)

The Registry Resort Scottsdale, Arizona June 21 — 26, 1986

This form is for non-delegate use only, including advisory board and house corporation board members. Delegates (college and alumnae chapter presidents) will receive their registration forms in the mail. Registration fee: Covers Convention kits and materials, Kite newspapers and convention supplies. Tipping for personal services is not included. Registration fee must accompany this form. Add \$10 if paid after May 1, 1986. Fee is not refundable after June 1, 1986. Make checks payable to Kappa Alpha Theta. Registrants desiring meals only do not pay a registration fee, but must make advance reservations. Registrants wishing to attend general sessions and workshops must pay a registration fee. Families attending will pay Convention rate, with all meals except banquet taken in the Convention dining room. Transportation: Registrants will make their own transportation arrangements to Phoenix with their local travel agents. Hotel rates: \$75 per person per day, single, double and triple occupancy. Rate includes room and meal taxes and gratuities for all meals. To the below rate add a one-time charge of \$3 per person for baggage in and out, plus 35 cents per day for maid gratuities, which will appear on your bill. Do not send a check for hotel and meals to Central Office. All registrants will pay the hotel for these charges upon hotel checkout. Detach and return to: Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268 Last name First name Maiden name, if married Husband's initials Address ___ City State or Province Street and number Area Code _____ Arrival date ______ Departure date _____ Telephone __ Your college chapter _____ Initiation year ____ Alumna ____ Collegian ____ Advisory Board ______Chapter Title _____ House Corporation Board __ Chapter Office College Registrant ______ Past national, district or special officer ______ 50 year member _____ Title Will sing in convention choir ______ Number of Grand Conventions previously attended _____ Hotel Room Preference: (All chapter advisers will be assigned roommates by Central Office.) Please check following for your preference: ☐ Single room Double (sharing with) name ______ address _____ ☐ Triple (sharing with) name ___ name ___ ☐ I have no roommate; please assign ☐ Desire non-smoking roommate Age group (please check one): Under 21 _____, 21-30 _____, 31-40 _____, 41-50 _____, Over 50 _____.

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Prices for the meals are as follows:

Grand Convention Registrant Meal Reservation Request

This form is to be completed only by those registrants who are not staying in the hotel but who wish to attend certain meal functions. You may not attend meetings or workshops if you pay for meals only. All meal reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. If you find you cannot attend, you will be responsible for full payment of the meal reserved unless you have cancelled 48 hours prior to the event. Please return form and

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Grand Council Election Focus

The process of choosing Council members is beginning again, for the 47th time since our first Convention in 1891.

It may not have occurred to you, but electing a Grand Council is the most important function of Kappa Alpha Theta's Grand Convention. In our constitution, it is listed as the first responsibility of the Grand Convention.

As an individual Theta, you may have a voice in the selection of national officers.

While nomination and election of the members of Grand Council are the privileges and responsibilities of official delegates, district officers and Grand Council members, the Kappa Alpha Theta election system

Who are the members of the nominating committee? You could be one of them.

permits all members in good standing—alumnae and collegians—to participate. You, as a member, have the right to recommend any alumna member in good standing, providing you have first obtained her permission. With this privilege comes the obligation of selective judgment. A meaningful recommendation must take into consideration the qualifications and experience of the person being proposed to the nominating committee.

Every Council office becomes open at Grand Convention. Every Council member with eligibility remaining must be reconfirmed by the election process to continue in office, or move to another office.

There are only two constitutional requirements for a member of Grand Council: first, that she be a college graduate; and second, that she be a member in good standing. In practice, those slated to be voted upon have been district officers or have had in-depth experience in some area of Fraternity work. Since the last Grand Convention, however, another level of Fraternity officers has been expanded to include responsibilities formerly performed by members-at-large on Grand Council. The member-at-large designation has been eliminated, but the special officers now performing some of the same duties should be considered qualified by experience and background. A list of special officers and Grand Council members can be found in every issue of The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine on the Directory page.

Although the nomination and election of officers is done at the Grand Convention after it has been convened, the process starts months before. By Convention time, the chairman of the nominating committee will have been at work many months, receiving and acknowledging recommendations, determining eligibility of those recommended and correlating the information so it can be presented to the members of the nominating committee in an efficient and expeditious manner.

Who are the members of the nominating committee? You could be one of them if you happen to be an official delegate at Grand Convention (usually the president) One delegate from each of the 18 districts is selected by her district to serve on the nominating committee. Nine will be alumnae and nine collegians. She does not represent her district geographically, nor in candidate preference. She goes as an uninstructed member of the committee. She will learn of the qualifications of those recommended, take part in the discussions and deliberations, and then cast her vote seven times. She will vote individually for a Grand President and six Grand Vice-Presidents, in the preparation of a single slate for the consideration of the voting members of the

Grand Convention.

The single slate is the cornerstone of Theta's election system. It provides an appropriate means of presenting to the Grand Convention the concensus of an uninstructed, unbiased committee. Those 18 Thetas serving on the nominating committee are chosen by their districts after arriving at Convention. They have have not been subjected to prior influence. Indeed, they have no

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prior knowledge of who has been recommended.

Theta's election system is not a political process as we see portraved in many organizations in the public eye. Our members do not run for office. There is no campaigning, dealing or tradeoffs. Qualified people make themselves available for office after their interests have been determined. Available members do not represent any geographical area, nor any faction, nor any particular point of view. Available candidates can be described as alumnae members whose backgrounds, experiences, talents, leadership abilities and willingness to serve the Fraternity would make them well-rounded, productive Grand Council members.

The election process of our Fraternity has served us well. This year's election will continue that tradition. Your participation is invited.

Jane Brokaw Gallup
Nominating Committee Chairman

Recommendation For Grand Council

College chapters, alumnae chapters, alumnae clubs and individual members of Kappa Alpha Theta are eligible to submit recommendations for consideration by the nominating committee. It is their privilege and responsibility to call the attention of the nominating committee to Thetas who meet the qualifications listed on the opposite page. One recommendation, endorsed by a college chapter or an alumnae chapter or club, represents all its members. Therefore, recommendations from individual members of those groups are not necessary. Every recommendation will be acknowledged by the chairman of the nominating committee.

The consent of the person being recommended must be given if she is not presently a member of Grand Council, a district officer or a special officer. A Kappa Alpha Theta biographical form—to be filled out and returned—will be sent by the chairman of the nominating committee to each Theta recommended for Grand Council. After careful consideration of all recommendations, a slate will be presented to the Grand Convention for election.

Please send recommendations no later than April 25, 1986 to nominating committee chairman:

Jane Brokaw Gallup, 5208 Sand Point Pl. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105.

Recommendations postmarked after April 25, 1986 cannot be considered.

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Taking Note OF PEOPLE

Collegians

Sue Forgett, Epsilon Pi, won a gold medal in the 1986 World Championship International Rifle Competition in Madrid, Spain. A sophomore at Bucknell, Sue became the first woman to win a gold medal in the men's 100 meter prone event. Forgett is a member of the United States International Muzzle Loading Team.



U.S. Senate candidate Martha Ezzard and Sen. Nancy Kassebaum

Theta freshman Beth Oliver recently volunteered her time and skills at a large orphanage in a poverty-stricken part of Honduras. Oliver, Gamma Upsilon Chapter, is majoring in international studies at Miami University.

University of Iowa senior Joanna Castonguay was named 1985 Homecoming Queen and was presented the key to the city by Iowa City Mayor John McDonald. Vicepresident of Beta Omicron Chapter, Castonguay is also a member of Mortar Board, Beta Gamma Sigma (a business honorary society), UI Honors program and has been a Red Cross volunteer.

In October 1985 Kathryn Merrell, representing Epsilon Zeta Chapter, was named the 1985 Ole Miss Homecoming Queen. The senior is a banking and finance major and is currently president of her chapter.

Northwestern University Theta Karen Moncrieff competed in the 1985 Miss America Pageant as Miss Illinois. A senior pursuing a degree in performance studies, Moncrieff received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Alumnae

The new mayor of Marietta, Ga., is a Theta. Vicki Chastain, Gamma Delta, won a landslide victory in October to become the first woman mayor of Marietta, a fast growing city of 38,000 located about 20 miles northwest of Atlanta.

Chastain is a native of Marietta and a graduate of the University of Georgia. She served on Marietta's City Council for eight years prior to the election and has served the city in a variety of capacities. Chastain is a member of the Cobb County Youth Museum Board, Emergency Aid Board and Senior Citizens Advisory Board, and was a 1985 nominee for YWCA Cobb Woman of Achievement. She resides in Marietta with her husband, Joe, and daughters, Cris and Flori.

Theta Martha Ezzard, Gamma Delta, has announced her candidacy for the office of United States senator from Colorado, to be elected in 1986. Ezzard, a 1960 graduate of the University of Georgia, served as press aide to two Colorado governors, was a state representative for two years and is presently a republican state senator serving her second term.

In the state legislature, Ezzard has successfully sponsored legislation ranging from environmental and tax issues to child abuse and education laws. She and her husband, Dr. John Ezzard, and children, Shelly, Lisa and John Jr., live in Englewood, Colo.

Gwyneth Gamble Booth, Alpha Lambda, was honored in September, 1985, for her contributions to the Portland community by the American Jewish Committee, a human relations organization, which seeks to preserve religious and civil rights.

The Philosophical Society of Texas, a scientific and literary association, named Dr. Charlotte Walters Rhodes, Beta Iota, as one of seven new members in 1985. Each vear the Society invites a few outstanding Texans with outstanding educational accomplishments to become members. Rhodes, a member of the Austin Alumnae Chapter, is a teacher and author.

Gamma Pi Theta Sherri Bowman represented Iowa in the 1985 Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. Bowman graduated with dis-

Theta NPC attendees, from left; Louise Geil, third alternate; Sue Blair-Sheets, director of pledge education; Norma Jorgensen, NPC delegate; Lissa Bradford, former Grand President and second alternate; Susan Holloway, editor; Grand President Sue Supple; Jane Gallup, former editor: Executive Secretary-Treasurer Marcia Bond.





Gamma Delta alumnae at the victory party for Marietta, Ga., mayor-elect Vicki Chastain, from left: Lillian Budd Darden, Betsy Smith Braden, Marshall Connally, Vicki Franklin Chastain, Carol Lindsey and Margaret Barfield.

tinction from Iowa State University in 1983. She is employed as a third grade teacher and is working toward a master's degree in reading.

Sally Frampton Williams, is the 1985–1986 Kiwanis First Lady. Her husband, Don Williams, was named the international president of Kiwanis for the two-year term. The Williamses will be traveling the world, fulfilling the Kiwanis' motto, "service to others."

For two consecutive years, Columbus, Ohio's Theta of the Year has been a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and a member of Gamma deuteron Chapter. The 1984 honoree was Eleanor Tarbutton, and Laurie McGregor was named 1985 Theta of the Year.

Theta authors

Celia Morris Eckhardt, Rebel in America (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass.)

Patricia and Robert Foulke, Fielding's Motoring and Camping Europe (William Morrow & Company, New York, N.Y.)

OF EVENTS

Representatives from the 26 member groups of the National Panhellenic Conference met for the 49th session in Miami, Fla., in October, 1985. The new NPC

Executive Committee assumed office at the conference. Members are: Chairman Sidney Allen, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Secretary Beth Saul, Alha Epsilon Phi; and Treasurer Veachey Bloom, Phi Sigma Sigma. Kappa Alpha Theta honored former editor Jane Gallup for her outstanding service to the Fraternity.

Kappa Alpha Theta was one of 16 sororities represented on the Panhellenic Council of Iowa State University, which raised more than \$7,500 to help fund scholarships for Camp Superkids. Each member invited friends and relatives to a make-believe tea. Guests received invitations complete with tea bags and poems explaining that instead of spending money for new outfits or babysitters, a "nonevent" was being held, and unspent money could be donated to the camp. The camp is sponsored each summer by the American Lung Association of Iowa for children with lung disease.

OF NEWS

A scholarship fund has been established at the University of Kentucky School of Journalism in the name of Carol Sutton Whaley, Alpha Mu Chapter. Sutton, who died of cancer in February, 1985, was the first woman to head the news staff of a major American daily newspaper in her own right when

she was appointed managing editor of *The Louisville Courier-Journal*. Under her leadership, the paper won many awards including a Pulitzer Prize. Contributions to the fund will be matched by *The Louisville Courier-Journal* and should be sent to: Dr. Edmond Lambeth, School of Journalism University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. 40506-0042.

Thinking about organizing an alumnae Panhellenic group in your town? For help, contact your National Panhellenic Conference Adviser for Prospective Alumnae Panhellenics: Jan Covington (Mrs. R. S.), 1112 Walnut Dr., Morgan City, LA 70380 504/384-7236.



Karen Moncrieff, 1985 Miss Illinois



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I do read the *Magazine* regularly and particularly enjoy reading about new chapters colonizing and about chapter activities. I also enjoy reading about our many successful alumnae, their careers and achievements.

While I read these articles with pleasure, I must admit that because I did not choose to go the "career" route, I feel a bit "lonely" when I read many of the alumnae articles. You see, I have chosen not to be a working mother, but instead to stay home with my one-year-old daughter and am expecting my second child in November.

There seems to be so much pressure on young women today, including myself, to pursue a career or go to graduate school immediately upon completion of a bachelors degree. In years gone by women were not expected to work but now we are faced with the other extreme. "You don't work?!" "What do you do all day?" "Excellent day

care is available, you know," are but a few of the comments I hear from both men and women quite often.

As an intelligent young woman with a bachelors degree in economics, I am pleased to say I love staying home with my daughter. I realize it is not the choice of many women nor is it always economically feasible for a family to live on one salary.

I guess the point I am trying to make is that I would like to occasionally read about Thetas who are "just" Moms. Along with job opportunity networks and career seminars, how about reminding the girls that it is still OK, and quite rewarding to work at home?

With Theta Love, Leslie Burns Pearson Epsilon Eta

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Make a career connection!

The Theta Connection Program (TCP) was established in 1982 as a career resource network for Theta collegians and alumnae. It is not a job-placement service or an advertising vehicle for individual Thetas' businesses. Instead, the network is designed to connect job-seeking Thetas with professionals in fields in which they are interested.

More than 90 Career Connectors have been recruited from local alumnae chapters to develop local career resource banks from which they provide career information upon request. Although TCP is going high tech through the Theta Central Office computer system, Career Connectors will continue to be vital, personal links on local levels.

To connect with a Theta professional, contact the designated Career Connector, listed below, in the geographic area in which you would like to find a job. The Career Connector will connect you with Thetas participating in TCP who may be able to help you make important career contacts.

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Miami U. collegians adopt grandmother

It appears to be an ordinary Wednesday night at Miami University. More than 1,000 sorority girls flock to their weekly chapter meetings, held in the suites located on Central quad.

As the door of the Kappa Alpha Theta suite swings open, two female nurses carefully wheel an elderly, gray-haired woman into a room filled with more than 100 girls who are patiently awaiting her arrival. Her wheelchair is maneuvered to the front of the room, and her sparkling eyes twinkle like the twin stars that are the symbols of the sorority.

"Thank you for inviting your grandmother to your meeting," she says.

This past year the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta adopted Mary Mauer as its official grandmother. Even though she is older, the 89-year-old Mary and the college Thetas are united in the bonds of sisterhood.

Mary now lives at the Oxford View Nursing Home, but she grew up in Indiana. She attended Indiana University where she double majored in English and philosophy.

During those four years of college, Mary joined the Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Her devotion to Theta caused her to be an active alumna and longtime president of District I.

"Whatever I gave to Theta, in time, it always turned over a million in love," she said. "I have always depended on two things in my life for support, the love of God and the love of Theta."

Mary has resided in Oxford for more than ten years now, but the chapter only discovered her about a year ago when Kris Rickert, a sorority member, was helping out with the monthly bingo game at the Oxford View Nursing Home.

"All of a sudden, a woman began pointing at my sorority pin and a hand reached out and gave me a firm, shaky grip. It was the Theta

handshake." Kris says

Finding Mary in Oxford was like finding a buried treasure. Her knowledge of Kappa Alpha Theta goes far beyond knowing the outward signs of the sorority. Mary, who will turn 90 on April 5, is a shining link between what has been and where Theta is today.

Her latest contribution to Theta is a collection of 19 of the oldest gold Theta pins in existence today. The oldest pin dates back to 1883, and now all of these pins are on display at the national Theta archives.

Mary was also one of the women responsible for Miami having a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, which was recently selected as one of the top ten chapters in the country.

"Mary has opened up a new door for us," sorority member Dee Dee Haer says. "We have weekly visits to the nursing home and occasionally we can arrange for Mary to attend our sorority meetings."

Mary's room at the nursing home is filled with Theta pictures, poems and cards. Above her head hangs a composite picture of all the girls in the sorority, which was given to her last Christmas.

"Since I never had any children of my own, it's a comfort to me to see their faces at night when I go to sleep, and in the morning when I wake up," she says. "I want to share with these girls all that I have learned and all that I am."

"Loving Mary is loving Theta," says former Gamma Upsilon president Betsy Hoff. "She is determined to live to 110, and will 'show us all.' She shares her laughter and her past memories with us in order that we continue striving for the goals that our founders have set for us."

Mary Mauer not only remembers the beginning of the Greek system, but she knew the four women responsible for organizing the first women's fraternity in America—



Mary Mauer celebrates with Gamma Upsilon "granddaughters," from left: Julie Funtik, Lyn Bogart, Karen Gallimore, Missy Traveline, Molly Kanchuger and Pam Henkener.

Kappa Alpha Theta.

During her years with the Fraternity, she has always enjoyed singing Theta songs and the praises for all that Theta stands for.

"At the time sororities were originated, boys didn't like the idea," she says with a wide grin. "That is why we started using secret rituals. Girls can have fun too, you know."

Mary has been a source of strength for the chapter in helping to understand the mysteries of ritual.

"Ritual is a means of appreciating tradition. Even though our ages differ, the girls and I can share in the ritual that links the young and the old," she says. "It's a comfort to know that some things in life don't change."

As the meeting ends, the girls wave and yell good-bye to Mary. Those who are fortunate enough to receive a firm, unsteady hug realize that the love that Mary speaks of is real.

"My granddaughters may come in all shapes and sizes, but the Theta bond between us unites what we truly need from each other—love," Mary adds.

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The real inspiration for giving to Theta comes from the memories of what Kappa Alpha Theta has meant to each one of us.

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